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## CHIANG'S INTERVENTION

### Calms Turbulent Assembly Debate

#### Russia Lifts Road Block

Vienna, Apr. 17.  
Russia today lifted the road barrier to the British-controlled Schwechat Airport, near here—either temporarily or permanently is not known. Passengers going to the airport were surprised when a Russian sentry raised the barrier on the airport road and allowed a convoy of four vehicles carrying military personnel on board to pass without halting. This sudden relaxation of restrictions came only a few hours after the British European Airways plane, which was delayed 24 hours, took off for London.—Reuter.

#### Van Heutsz Hostage Released

One of the six hostages, kidnapped off the 4,500-ton Dutch liner, "Van Heutsz," by pirates on December 14-15 last at Chiling Point has been released and safely returned to Hong Kong, according to an unconfirmed report in the New Life Evening News yesterday. The vernacular evening paper said that the release of Mr. Tan Kit-cheung, son of the Singapore millionaire, Tan Kah-kee, was secured after the payment of HK\$300,000 ransom money. The police told this "China Mail" last night that they knew nothing about the reported release of Mr. Tan Kit-cheung who with five other first class passengers were kidnapped by 25 pirates. The pirates seized control of the Dutch liner when the ship was about 80 miles from Hong Kong.

## President Elected Today

Nanking, Apr. 18.

The National Assembly tomorrow will elect the first President of the Chinese Republic under the new constitution. At least 2,500 delegates are expected to cast their votes in the balloting which will determine who will head the Chinese Government for the next six years.

On the eve of the election all observers agreed that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek would almost be unanimously elected. The only candidate opposing the Generalissimo is Chu Cheng, President of the Judicial Yuan, who said himself when announcing his candidacy that he was "only running to keep the Generalissimo company."

As late as last night some observers thought the Generalissimo might still make a final attempt to persuade the Assembly to elect a non-partisan to replace him in the Presidency—a proposal which the earlier made to the Kuomintang in vain—but when the Generalissimo sat through this morning's Assembly session in silence it was conceded that nothing could now prevent his election as President.

#### Not Kuomintang Candidate

Chiang is not running as a Kuomintang candidate since, in accordance with a resolution the Generalissimo proposed and had been accepted by the Kuomintang, the party is leaving the matter entirely in the hands of the National Assembly and not nominating either the Presidential or Vice-Presidential candidates. The Generalissimo, therefore, has been nominated by the Na-

tional Assembly on a basis of the signatures obtained endorsing his candidacy. Chu Cheng was nominated in a similar manner although considerable last-minute effort was necessary to obtain the minimum 100 signatures which are necessary for nomination. The election will follow right on the heels of the crucial decision by the National Assembly today to grant the President wide emergency powers for the duration of the national crisis.

Hung Lan-yu, Secretary General of the National Assembly, announced today the voting procedure to the Assembly delegates. He said all voting will take place inside the Assembly hall and that balloting will be secret and by individual ballots. One member each of the geographical and occupational groups of Assembly delegates will be appointed to help supervise the election.—United Press.

#### \$6,000 Fire Destroys Rattan-Ware

Fire said to be caused by electrical leakage destroyed some \$6,000 worth of rattan-ware goods yesterday morning at the Hang Ya Rattan Firm, No. 2 French Street. About 500 rattan baskets and 120 lbs. of rattan were severely burned. No one was reported injured. Two fire appliances answered the alarm at 11:50 a.m. and extinguished the blaze within 20 minutes. It was reported the sparks from a leakage in the electrical system in the ground floor spread to the cockpit of the rattan shop, where the baskets and rattan cases were stored. The damaged property was said to have been insured for \$10,000.

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#### PICTURE OF THE DAY

### Garter Banner



The Senior Herald Painter of the College of Arms Working on the Garter Banner for Princess Elizabeth, which is to be installed at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, for the ceremony of installation next Friday. The Banner is the Royal Arms differed with two St. George's Crosses and a Tudor Rose centre on a white label. (AP Photo).

## RUSSIANS CEASE CONFISCATIONS

Berlin, Apr. 18.

The Soviet Military Administration today ordered an end to socialisation of industry in the Russian occupation zone of Germany.

A special decree by Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, Soviet Military Governor, put an end to confiscation of properties of big industrialists, Nazi and war criminals. This had been going on in the Russian zone since October, 1945. In this period, it was announced officially, such confiscations had brought under

public ownership eight percent of the industry in the Soviet zone, accounting for 40 percent of its industrial production.

#### Sokolovsky's Order

Sokolovsky's order was published in the official newspaper "Taegliche Rundschau" and in the "Neues Deutschland," organ of the Soviet-approved Communist-controlled Socialist Unity Party.

In an accompanying editorial, "Taegliche Rundschau" said the decree proved that "private industry survives" and that "only evil and hostile propaganda can contend that private initiative is oppressed in the Soviet zone."

The Socialist Unity Party paper emphasized that "only eight percent" of industry in the Russian zone fell under the sequestration process and "92 percent remains as before in private ownership."

This unusual emphasis seemed intended to counteract the claim on non-Communist Germans that the Russian zone is being Sovietized entirely.

Sokolovsky said his decree was issued because he had been assured by the German Economic Commission of the Soviet zone that the power of "war criminals, Nazis and monopolists" had been broken in Eastern Germany.

#### "Made Incontestable"

His order included the assertion that public ownership of properties which had been socialized is "made incontestable."

He also ordered that industries which have been "confiscated" without sufficient grounds—that is, if their former owners have not been proved "monopolists and other war or Nazi criminals"—should be restored by April 30.

Among "monopolists" dispossessed, the Soviet-controlled press listed the late Nazi war criminal, Hermann Wilhelm Goering.

"Taegliche Rundschau" said the sequestration process was "proof of the qualitative difference between the Russian occupation zone and the Western zones occupied by Imperialist Anglo-Americans."

"In the Western zones," it said, "monopoly is nurtured. The economic and political position of monopolists is increased through exploitation of the people."

On the contrary, the Soviet occupation zone took the industries and power of monopolists and "magnates of finance and industry" and placed them in the hands of the people.—Associated Press.

#### JAP. VICE-MINISTER ARRESTED FOR GRAFT

Tokyo, Apr. 18.  
The Japanese police arrested Vice-Minister of Transportation Shigefusa Ito on graft charges today.

The police were investigating him in connection with charges that he accepted \$500,000 from the army for conversion of a Japanese industrial firm for services rendered between August, 1945, and February, 1947.—United Press.

## Yugoslav Protest Rejected

Washington, Apr. 17.

The U.S. State Department has brushed aside the Yugoslav protest against the mysterious "Project X" to finance anti-Communist underground forces behind the Iron Curtain.

Chairman Styles Bridges, of the Senate Appropriations Committee, on March 24 gave a tip on a clandestine anti-Communist programme when he said in a Senate speech that the United States should "encourage the underground and seek to undermine Communist tyranny in areas already conquered."

The Yugoslav Ambassador, Sava Kosanovic, protested to the State Department on March 30. The State Department, in a curt reply, rejected the protest on April 18.

An informed source said "Project X" has been started in a "small way" in some European countries. He did not name the countries or give details of the help given to anti-Communist underground forces.—United Press.

The students carried banners and shouted slogans setting forth three principal demands:

(1) The government remove Li Pin-hsin as present Governor of Anhwei, because of his "corrupt and dictatorial methods."

(2) The government to send more troops to clear the Communists out of Anhwei.

(3) A relief fund to be established for Anhwei war refugees and war refugee students.

The students shouted "Down with Li Pin-hsin" as they tried to break through the police cordoning off the area.

Supporters of Gen. Li Tsung-shen claimed that the demonstration today was engineered by persons seeking to embarrass Li, vice-presidential campaign since he is known to be a close friend of the Communists.—United Press.

## LUZON PLANE CRASH

### No Aircraft Missing; No Wreckage Found

Manila, Apr. 18.

A large unidentified plane is reported to have crashed in the sea off the northeast tip of the Philippines late yesterday, according to a message radioed by the U.S.A.T. General Mitchell.

The message, intercepted by Globe Wireless, said witnesses saw the plane trail smoke and crash. It said the Mitchell searched the area two hours after the crash without finding a trace of personnel or wreckage.

Commercial Airlines' office in Manila said no airliner was overdue. U.S. Army and Navy officials at Shagley Point and Clark Field bases reported no planes missing.

A Clark Field aerodrome officer, Lt. Frank Davis, said a B-17 search plane would be sent to the area today. The Mitchell gave the position as Lat 18.16 N. Long 124.48 E., which is about two degrees east of Cagayan, northernmost Luzon province.

The Mitchell's message said, "In Lat 18.16 N. Long 124.48 E. a large plane was seen by several people to have trailed smoke and crashed and the ship searched for two hours until after sunset and is now proceeding in the direction of the search. The plane was seen proceeding in general northerly direction and no trace of personnel or wreckage was seen from the USAT Mitchell."—United Press.

#### B-17 Finds No Trace

Manila, Apr. 18.  
A United States B-17 rescue plane found no trace of a large plane reported by the Navy to have crashed in the Philippine Sea after trailing smoke.

A crisscross search was made over a wide area northeast of Guam from dawn until mid-day by the specially equipped rescue plane.

No military or civilian aircraft were reported overdue, Clark Operations reported.—Associated Press.

#### Royal Silver Wedding

London, Apr. 18.  
Londoners saw a colourful preview of the forthcoming Royal Silver Wedding State drive in the bright sunshine early this morning.

A full dress rehearsal of the Royal carriage drive was staged, starting from Buckingham Palace, when a police motor cyclist preceded four State carriages, pulled by spirited horses moving briskly along the almost deserted city streets.

A Sovereign's escort of the Household Cavalry, in full dress, made a gay and brilliant show, with tossing plumes and shining breast-plates.—Reuter.

#### Britain, US "Unhappy" With Siam

Bangkok, Apr. 17.

Foreign relations, rather than domestic problems, will decide the fate of Siam's new government, headed by Pibul Songkram, according to competent political observers here. Ten days after last week's Cabinet crisis in Bangkok the wartime leader, Songkram, today sat firm in the saddle of Siamese politics, but foreign diplomatic quarters were undecided regarding their attitude towards the latest Songkram coup.

While there has been no official confirmation of the reports that Britain, the United States and other countries will withdraw recognition of the Siamese Government, diplomatic observers here conceded that Britain and United States were "unhappy" over the situation.

Pibul Songkram told foreign correspondents last week that he hoped to get the great powers to recognize his government and he called on the goodwill of the world towards Siam.

Events of the last ten days have belied the rumours of proposed anti-Songkram demonstrations and the possibility of a major upheaval. Today Siamese papers forecast "an overwhelming majority" vote of confidence for the Songkram government at the joint session of Parliament on Wednesday, April 21.

Bangkok's banking and business circles showed little reaction towards the political crisis. The foreign exchange value of the Thai baht remained comparatively steady, with gold and commodities showing a slight decrease over the last few days.

#### Labour Union

The Siamese Labour Union—a new political organization—was established here today under the patronage of Premier Pibul Songkram.

A party spokesman told Reuter that the newly-formed labour union will formulate its policy and programme on the matters of the British Labour Party.

It will follow Socialist ideals, "adapted to Siam's peculiar situation" and will promote the welfare of the Siamese peasantry and working classes.

The new party is sponsored by Songkram's followers and is supported by other industrial groups. It is expected to make a strong bid for political power in Siam.

At present, Siam has four major political parties professing almost identical aims but rallying round individual leaders.—Reuter.

## World Watches Italian Elections

Rome, Apr. 18.

Italy opened her polls today for an election watched throughout the world as a contest over Communism.

In mild, misty weather holding a threat of rain, 41,647 heavily guarded polling places opened at 8 a.m.

The final communiqué from the Interior Ministry said, the revised total of Italians qualified to vote in this most fateful elections of the post-war period is 29,098,895.

The voters will choose the first Parliament of the two-year-old Italian Republic. Its composition will determine the make-up of the new Government.

A Communist-dominated Popular Front has campaigned vigorously to push out the current middle-of-the-road Coalition Government headed by the Christian Democrats.

Thousands of voters got up at dawn to exercise their electoral right. A daybreak check of Rome's polling places showed many voters arrived with the first light.

Police Carry Rifles  
By poll opening time, 50 to 100 stood in line at many places—watched by police carrying rifles and tommyguns to insure that voting would be orderly.

Polls will be open until 10 o'clock tonight and again from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow, as the voters decide their issue of Democracy versus Communism for the nation.

In less than one hour this morning 200 persons had voted at one polling place. At another, 10 nuns were first in line; at still another six priests.

The Roman Catholic clergy, from the Pope on down have urged votes against Communism. Each polling place had two policemen on duty inside. Police and finance guards, varying in number from two to 10, depending on the size of the crowd and quarter of the city, kept order outside.

In addition, police riot squads and jeeps of finance guards detailed to electoral duty were on street patrol.

Many voters had stayed up all night, talking, arguing and thinking. All of the nation's mobilized forces—30,000 troops and police

of all kinds—were stationed all over the peninsula and in Sicily and Sardinia to protect the voters' rights.

In Naples, some voters on their way to the polls could see the "Jerel Putnam," America's 60th ship to Italy, busily disgorging its 8,000 tons of American wheat.

That was a symbol of the Marshall Plan—one of the biggest campaign issues and one of the toughest hurdles for Communist leader Palmiro Togliatti and other Communist Front orators.

Premier de Gasperi, of the Christian Democratic Party, summed up the issue in a newspaper interview as an "iron alternative" between a "regime of liberty or Bolshevik totalitarianism."

There was no doubt that the biggest part of Italy's eligible voters would cast ballots for the 574 Deputies and 237 Senators.—Associated Press.

#### Heavy Polling

The chief of the national electoral office, Angelo Pincenti, announced at 1:30 p.m. that reports from 85 of the nation's 96 provinces showed that in every case more voters turned out than the early hours in 1946 when 89.1 per cent. of the eligible vote was cast.

Former Premier Ivanoe Bonomi said the trend continued the vote would equal or pass the 90 per cent. eligible.

Many aged and infirm, accompanied by nurses, took advantage of sunny skies to go to the polls. Numerous precinct officials in Milan reported that the early turnout was so heavy that eligibles would likely be voted by 10 p.m., eliminating the need to reopen the polls in these quarters at 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday.—United Press.

#### Communists Capture Missionaries

Poling, Apr. 18.  
Missionary quarters reported today that the Communists captured six Canadian priests and five Canadian nuns of the Esophagical diocese.

The missionaries apparently were taken during the recent Red action in that important rail center. The Catholics there quarters said, may have been removed to Harbin.

The priests were connected with the Foreign Missions of Pontivault and Montreal while the nuns belonged to the Congregation of the Immaculate Conception of Pontivault.—United Press.

The Weather  
Pressure remains high over Japan but has fallen over Central China and Manchuria. A trough extends from south of Japan across Korea and Japan. Today's Forecast—Moderate N or NE winds, weather cloudy, some fair periods. Tomorrow's Weather—Moderate S or SE winds, weather cloudy, some fair periods. Maximum: 65. Minimum: 45. Sunshine: 5.7 hours. Rainfall: .1 inch. Total since Jan. 1—97.4 inches. (This is an annual average of 54.4 inches.)



## Readers' Letters Ask Is Colony

## An Isle Of Fragant Streams Or Cesspool Of Iniquity?

## Simple Simon Again

Sir,—In his article "Suppression of the 'China Mail'" you state that you are a contributor to the "China Mail". I am somewhat surprised to find that you are a contributor to the "China Mail". I am somewhat surprised to find that you are a contributor to the "China Mail". I am somewhat surprised to find that you are a contributor to the "China Mail".

Although Mr. Woodhead persists in his denial that this Colony is primarily run for the benefit of European and American businessmen and the upper crust of Chinese merchants and financiers, I would venture my charge in this connection. I have already explained how, in one way, this Colony is primarily run for the benefit of the individuals mentioned. Other evidence is available, but it is difficult to set forth such evidence in print. The question is further complicated by reason of the fact that Mr. Woodhead has declined my invitation to tour the Colony.

There has never been any vague talk, as far as I am concerned, about "sweated labour" and "exploitation". I have been quite definite on the point that "sweated labour" and "exploitation" does exist in this Colony. If Mr. Woodhead really knows Hong Kong, as he asserts to be the case, he should be well aware of the fact that local labour Ordinances are, on the whole, being flouted with impunity by the majority of industrialists who, at the same time as they "sweat" and "exploit" the less fortunate, naively claim that one of the main obstacles to industrialisation in Hong Kong is contained in local labour Ordinances. There is a Summary Offences Ordinance, a Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, a Traffic Ordinance and a host of other Ordinances. Yet these Ordinances are being violated almost every minute of the day and nothing is done about such violations. There is a law against demanding and accepting "ten money" for the use of houses, but when Government doing to enforce that law against the upper crust of Chinese

merchants and financiers? Nothing, Mr. Woodhead. It is the same with local labour Ordinances. Exploitation and sweated labour is a reality, but Government, which is adopting the same attitude as Mr. Woodhead, is doing nothing.

There was never any suggestion that there were 700,000 unskilled labourers in this Colony. The fact that the wages of thousands of skilled labourers are as high, if not higher, than those paid in any part of the Far East, does not alter the fact that life for them is a struggle. The vast majority of unskilled labourers are certainly not in Hong Kong to be exploited and sweated; they are the victims of circumstance. The exploited labourer who was born and bred in Hong Kong is not here by choice; Hong Kong is his home and he would be out of place anywhere else. As to the labourer who came here from China, he did not expect to be exploited and sweated. He expected a fair deal under the British flag, but has been badly disillusioned. Having burnt his bridges, so to speak, he is left with no other alternative but to make the best of a bad job. I challenge Mr. Woodhead to state, unreservedly, that European and American workers would tolerate working conditions as they exist in Hong Kong at this moment.

Regarding the question of education, I am afraid Mr. Woodhead is again evading the point in issue. I still maintain that the question of unrestricted immigration has nothing to do with illiteracy on the part of Hong Kong's bona fide citizens. Assuming, for the sake of argument, that the inflow of unskilled labour has since V-J Day is a dominating factor on the local educational problem, which is denied, might I ask Mr. Woodhead what action worthy of mention was taken by Government in pre-war days to educate the bona fide citizens of Hong Kong?

The population of Hong Kong has not always been as large as it is today, yet there are thousands of locally born Chinese in this Colony, whose parents were also born and bred here, who do not know how to read or write. They grew up without the benefit of an education and following in the footsteps of their fathers, have become common labourers, exploited and sweated at every turn by European and American businessmen and the upper crust of Chinese merchants and financiers who have, curiously enough, been increased in their fortunes. For all his loyalty and devotion the poor labourer is still finding it difficult to make ends to meet. Educating his own children is out of question. If Mr. Woodhead would only read my letters more carefully, he would find that in my letter which appeared in your paper of 14th inst., an explanation was given by me as to why I considered unrestricted immigration did not have any bearing on the question of education for bona fide Hong Kong citizens. Notwithstanding Mr. Woodhead's denials, I still maintain that the cost of education for the majority of Europeans and Americans in Hong Kong. In making a comparison between the present day cost of living with that existing in pre-war days, Mr. Woodhead should also take into consideration the fact that incomes have also been increased considerably. If Mr. Woodhead would only face facts, he would readily appreciate how living is cheap and easy for the "privileged foreigner". Does Mr. Woodhead seriously expect to contend that in his home land, the average European or American citizen is as poor as the majority of the present in Hong Kong would be enjoying the same comforts and amenities as he now enjoys and that he would be extended the same privileges as those extended him by the Asiatic?

While Government may be justified in rehabilitating ruined enterprises for as many of its officials as possible, it is certainly not justified in proceeding with the construction of new buildings and skyscrapers for its servants at the cost of millions of dollars from public funds, while ignoring the requirements of the bona fide citizens who, incidentally, contribute towards the coffers of this public fund. Could not the money and materials expended in connection with these buildings and skyscrapers be more advantageously used for the benefit of Hong Kong's bona fide citizens? Distance how many schoolchildren could be accommodated in one skyscraper?

The elimination of slum areas in Hong Kong is not such an insoluble problem as Mr. Woodhead would make out. If Government would only approach the housing problem intelligently and realistically, there would be no difficulty in the way of providing better and more up-to-date homes for bona fide citizens of Hong Kong. The present situation is due, not to unrestricted immigration, but to the fact that Government is much too concerned about pampering to the whims and wishes of vested interests to give any consideration to the position of the underdog—the real citizen of this Colony. The vested interests know only too well that the present wave of prosperity will not last forever. They are fully aware of the fact that some day in the not too distant future, unrestricted immigration will cease of its own accord. They are, therefore, reluctant to proceed with any ambitious building scheme, but are content, with the connivance of Government, to let sleeping dogs lie and to exploit the present situation to the limit before the depression sets in. In fact, they are not acting out of glorify any Dominion as alleged. In fact, if it were my purpose to do so, I would have named the particular Dominion I wished to glorify. So far, I have only referred to another part of the Empire. Mr. Woodhead claims that my questions are impertinent and unwarranted. With all respect to Mr. Woodhead, I would state that he is not infallible or above questioning. I also deny that it is my intention to create prejudice. Mr. Woodhead assumes that I am referring to New Zealand; he is free to do so. His comments about the recent deportation of Malays and Chinese from Australia are difficult to understand. I presume that the Australian Government, like the Hong Kong Government, is also invested with the power to deport those whom it does not want within its borders. Surely Mr. Woodhead cannot be ignorant of the fact that Chinese are being deported from Hong Kong almost daily; that in some cases, these Chinese do not even appear before the Courts, but are simply bundled out of the Colony. Although Mr. Woodhead claims that it is the standard policy of New Zealand and Australia in the matter of Asiatic immigration, I hold otherwise. The matter goes much deeper.

In conclusion, I would refute the allegation of Mr. Woodhead that I have suggested that the Colony can undertake to provide free education and old age pensions and other benefits to all who come here. I challenge Mr. Woodhead to mention where such suggestion appears in my letters.

## SIMPLE SIMON.

## Simple Simon's Whale

Sir,—In an attempt to ascertain the historical background of "Simple Simon," I borrowed a collection of Nursery Rhymes. Here is what I found:  
Simple Simon went a-fishing  
"Ore to catch a whale."  
All the water he had got  
Was in his mother's pail.  
Simple Simon went to look  
If plums grew on a thistle.  
He pricked his fingers very much,  
Which made poor Simon  
Whistle.  
MOTHER GOOSE.

## Honest Govt.

Sir,—If I were Simple Simon I would not have given John T. Marsh the dignity of a reply. The contents of Marsh's letter were completely irrelevant and insulting. I am surprised that it was accepted for publication. Your readers will undoubtedly support C. Champkin's remarks on it.

As far as Hong Kong is concerned, H.G.W. Woodhead's views can be lightly regarded for he has repeatedly demonstrated in his articles in the "Sunday Herald" that he knows practically nothing about the Colony except what he reads in newspapers, official handouts and government year books and what he picks up at cocktail parties.

Publication of 20 or even a million China Year Books by no means makes H.G.W. Woodhead an authority on Hong Kong. The same naturally applies to foreign correspondents like Horace Bristol (who was here for less than two months) whose article in the "Picture Post" started the present controversy.

Having no courage to admit that he has been worsted in the controversy, H.G.W. Woodhead in a lengthy article in yesterday's "Sunday Herald" again avoids

the main issue and deliberately diverts attention to miscellaneous quotations from what obviously is an official year book on a country that never came into the picture. This is of course typical of a man who right or wrong is determined to have the last word. Free can only explain "Simple Simon" to H.G.W. Woodhead's sportsmanship in likening Simple Simon's utterances to "Tass News Agency" propaganda. The manner in which H.G.W. Woodhead is conducting his side of the controversy by dodging the main issue when defeated and diverting attention to minor points seems to be more in line with the "Moscow technique" than anything I have read in these columns before.

H.G.W. Woodhead is wrong in stating that Simple Simon is unable to substantiate his charges. I am not Simple Simon. I am invited here to take of the Colony to show him personally what local conditions are like? I extended a similar invitation, but H.G.W. Woodhead, apparently afraid of having his illusions shattered, has declined.

H.G.W. Woodhead does injustice to Simple Simon by accusing him of putting into the "mirrors and lips of your opponent thoughts he has never harboured and words he has never uttered or written." Careful study of Simple Simon's letters fails to justify H.G.W. Woodhead's allegation.

Free trade, yes, plus sweated labour, but on one condition: the phenomenal recovery of Hong Kong. Had it not been for those thousands of underprivileged civil servants who stuck to their posts for two and a half years on starvation wages how much progress would have been made? And it not been for those thousands of labourers who kept the public utilities functioning but who had to resort to strikes to secure some improvement in their wages, could the Colony have recovered so fast?

Government was of course aware of the fact that, despite "desertions" from the Civil Service, the majority would have to stay on. The commercial field could not absorb them all besides thousands of unemployed were flocking to Hong Kong from China seeking jobs. Honest Government? Most decidedly not.

And what has government done for these thousands and the thousands of others domiciled in Hong Kong who in one form or another helped and are still helping in the rehabilitation of the Colony?

Except for providing insufficient ration and control of prices of a few essential commodities, the government has done nothing. The self-appointed crusader for the privileged clique and the Colony's so-called "honest Government" boast of?

The point at issue, H.G.W. Woodhead, is that the Colony is being run mainly for the rich and privileged, Chinese and European alike. Here is an example: The Hong Kong Electric Company made five and a half million dollars profit last year. Electric rates cannot be reduced until the price of coal comes down and new equipment arrives. Government takes no action.

And what has government done for these thousands and the thousands of others domiciled in Hong Kong who in one form or another helped and are still helping in the rehabilitation of the Colony?

Honest Government? H.J.Y.

## "Jingling Medley"

Sir,—I could think of only one fitting reply to Mr. John T. Marsh's recent contribution to the Correspondence Column of your journal, re the exploitation of otherwise of the coloured people here, and that is Lord Lytton's great couplet, "The jingling medley of purloined coins, out-babbling Woodsworth and out-glittering Keats." His feeble attempt to make your readers believe that he is one of those "more intelligent" white people referred to by Mr. Woodhead would make little Audrey, if she were here, laugh and laugh and laugh.

Mr. Marsh has, however, this to his credit: he was at least courageous enough to "append his signature to his (Mr. Marsh's) puerile, illegible vapourings," whereas we, in common with the vast majority of "Letter-to-the-Editor" writers (as well as of some of the greatest writers and columnists of past and contemporary days) have not. We are cowards in not daring to let our

lights shine before men that they may glorify our literary efforts. Mr. Marsh, on the other hand, is such an experienced writer, and well-known local citizen, that he is proud—aye, mightily proud—to see his own name in print.

If Mr. Marsh knows a little bit more about Hong Kong, and gets around as much as I do, he will not have the audacity to advise "Simple Simon" to return to his Utopia if he is dissatisfied with conditions in this Colony. I have spoken to numerous Britons, both connected with commercial firms and the Government, who have expressed the same views as "Simple Simon." Some of them have gone further and called this Isle of Fragant Streams the "Cesspool of Iniquity." Shall we ask these Britons, who are trying to make this outpost of their Empire a better place to live in, to leave the Colony? Is suppression verily the advocacy of Mr. Marsh?

Wake up and live, Comrade Marsh! The days of "dogs and cats" have not yet come. The "Cesspool of Iniquity" is still there. The last War was fought to save the world, so it was claimed, from Hitler and Mussolini, and with its termination it was hoped that "concentration camps" and infamities would be abolished once and for all. Don't try to resurrect Adolf and Benito, please, Mr. Marsh, but rather let justice, not enclaves.

Does the colour of one's skin make such a terrible difference to the value of one's opinion, Mr. Marsh? The British are "white" and so were the descendants of the British in America. And yet we had the memorable "Boston Tea Party." I am an Eurasian (and proud of it) but that does not make me feel inferior to the "white" man except insofar as my salary is concerned.

And that brings me to Mr. Woodhead's denial of exploitation of the local working classes. That highly reputed journalist must have been writing with his tongue in his cheek when he said that the "white" men are paid a higher salary because they are more intelligent than the locals, be they Eurasians, Chinese, Indian, or whatever. Come, come, my venerable friend, to think so! Admit, Mr. Woodhead, that we have, in our commercial firms and Government departments, locals who could run rings around some of the foreign staff and who are yet paid, at the very most, half of the standard salaries for "whites."

Mr. Woodhead is a respected old resident of both Shanghai and Hong Kong (I say this in all sincerity as I have, for the past 17 years, heard his work lauded by all classes of English speaking people). He is also an ultra-patriotic Briton who would consider it a matter of minor importance to die for his country. And that was why, methinks, he rushed to the defence of Britons in Hong Kong when they were attacked by Mr. Bristol in that "horrid" article in the Picture Post.

Mr. Woodhead refuses to admit that the European and American expatriates are having an easy life out here. Why doesn't he ask some of those ex-Servicemen who are at present holding down cosy jobs at fabulous salaries whether they would like to go home and, if not, why not? He would, I am confident, find that the answer to the last question is "Because we are having too good a time here." Could the majority of the Britishers here draw the same scale of salary at home and be able to afford what they get out here? I more than doubt it. Of course, noblesse oblige forces the "white" people to live in grand houses, and that is why they find it so hard to make ends meet. Poor folks, how I pity them when they get back to their slum quarters and two ounces of butter per week. There, they would have "no amah, no boy, no whisky, no cocktail parties." Everything would have to be "make do." Life would then, in reality, be an empty dream—of their good time out in Hong Kong. (If Mr. Woodhead wants proof of this I could show him a few letters I received from friends who have returned to England after a two years' stay here.)

If Hong Kong intends to live up to her claim of being progressive, Government has to introduce compulsory education. It is much cheaper in the long run as it would take a lot of the kids off the roads and off the Juvenile Courts/Juvenile delinquency as Mr. Woodhead must admit, had always been most prevalent in slums. Give the kids something to be interested in and the majority (I do not say all) of them would not resort to petty,

and/or serious, crimes. "For Satan still finds mischief for idle hands to do." Unlike "Simple Simon," I do not advocate free education for all children, but only for those whose parents have been residing in the Colony for a certain period, say, five years. That should insure the Colony against being made a dumping ground for all waifs and strays.

May I conclude by reminding Mr. Woodhead in particular, and your readers in general, that tempore mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis.

AN EURASIAN.

## "Most Ungentlemanly"

Sir,—We observe that Mr. John T. Marsh whom it would appear chose the publication of his "honourable" name to fit his mental process, not having the courage to face the fact and truth, indulges in a most ungentlemanly attack on the truth-seeking Simple Simon, who loves justice and fair play for the betterment of mankind.

We are vastly amused at his own ignorance that he is exhibiting all the characteristics of human parasites.

Now for the benefit of Marsh & Co., permit me to explain the term "parasites". A parasite is one who lives and thrives at the expense of his host be it a human body or a human society.

Our local government, nay, our human society, is yet far from being perfect and we need people like Simple Simon and his truth-seeking mind, to improve it for our welfare. This world of ours is a progressive one and we welcome people with constructive criticisms. If Marsh & Co. cannot tolerate this progressive world of ours, the best thing for them to do is to get out and to find a land of primitive people to colonise and exploit.

We believe in Abraham Lincoln's dictum that all men are created equal, so be you, Mr. Marsh, white brindle, black, yellow, or pink, if you didn't come out of a golden test tube, you cannot be a superman and cannot be always right. Confucius said something like this, "Two or three walkings like this, street, one of them can be my teacher," those are the words of a wise man. I wonder if Mr. Marsh and his kind can understand it.

A COMMONER.

## Explanation Wanted

Sir,—I have just been reading the annual report of the Boys & Girls Clubs Association and am prompted to suggest that the Executive Committee should enlighten the public, upon whose good-will it relies, on one or two points which, to a mere dilettante in financial matters, seem to need explanation.

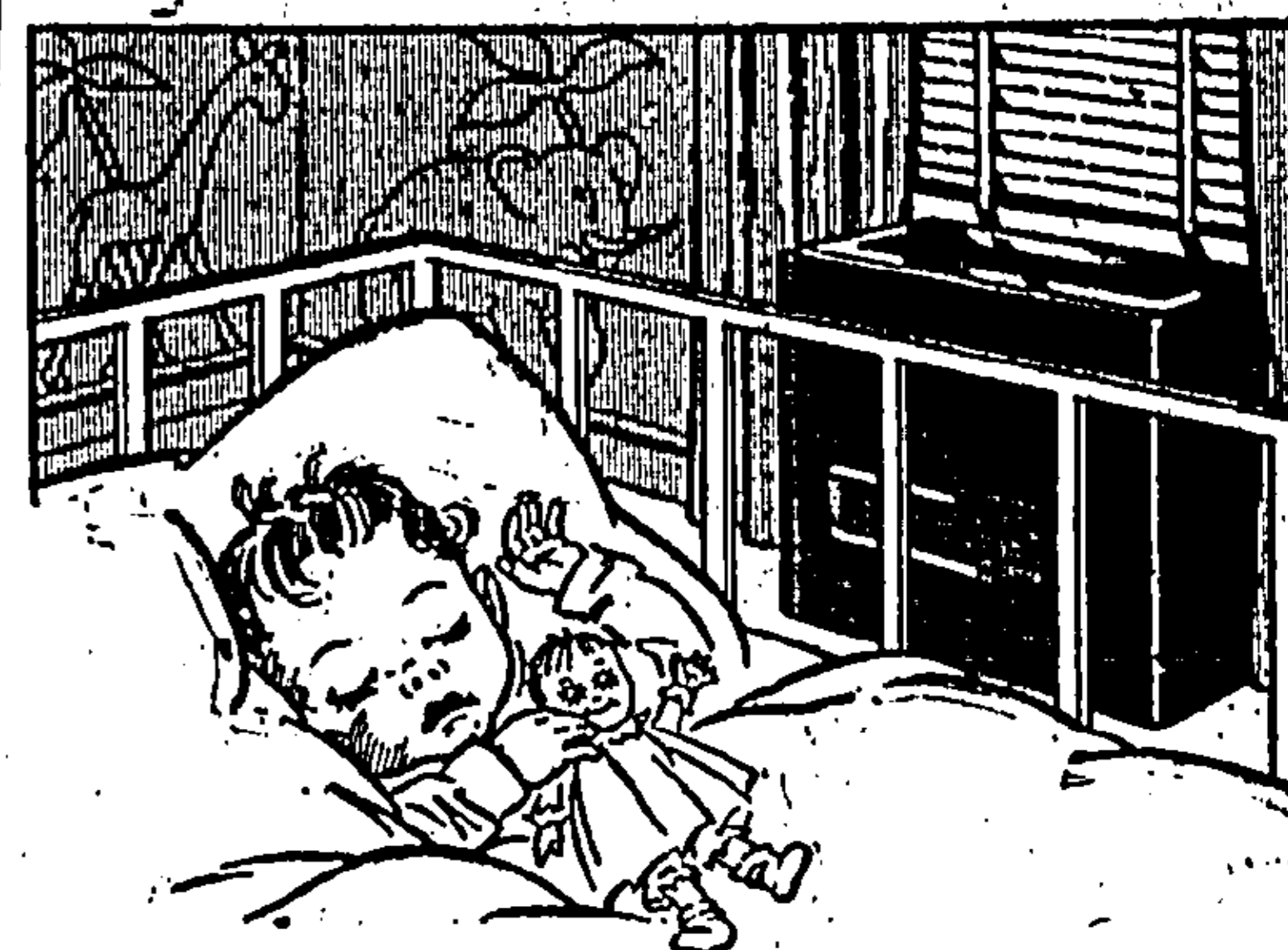
1. Out of the total received by grants, donations, etc. no less than 60% is spent on salaries and wages. Surely for a charitable organisation drawing less than \$58,000 from the public annually that is a bit steep? The report says "An audited balance sheet reveals little of the human side of any institution." How true, but the public are entitled to have the veil lifted a little as to how, and where their voluntary contributions are spent. This point receives emphasis in the paragraph of the report which states "sponsors bear full financial responsibility for their clubs." So why such a large slice of income spent on salaries?

2. In the "net proceeds of appeal" is shown a net deficit of \$224 on K.C.C. Dance. What sort of organisation is it that sets out to raise money for charity and end up by extracting money from the funds. Merely from face-pidgin one would have thought the organisers would have prevented a deficit from appearing in the accounts.

3. Out of nine ways of raising money from a statement of receipts and expenditure. It would be interesting to have one of the K.C.C. Dance, in the Shanghai Ball statement, which is very full and clear, \$1018 was spent for "helpers' refreshments." While it would be charitable to begrudge helpers getting "refreshments," etc., in a show for charity, was it really necessary they should refresh themselves to such an extent, at public expense? One can not fail to notice that these accounts are vouched for by high-ranking officials in the government. One is entitled to wonder if, when it comes to public accounts an equally lenient view is taken of "expenses."

I am prompted to the above queries by the fact that there seems to be growing up a fairly wide-spread opinion that it is time charitable appeals of all sorts were brought under strict control. I do not suggest the BGCA is a racket; I do suggest it seems to need a tighter control; and that the Committee should be empowered to check themselves in control of finance and other matters. When I speak of rackets, I have in mind the spate of people who have been round offices recently selling space in programmes, etc. of obscure associations at fantastic prices—up to \$500 per page sometimes. Then, all these street sales, "Is there any chance on the youngsters who shake boxes at one all over the town? Is there anything to prevent individuals joining up and collecting for their

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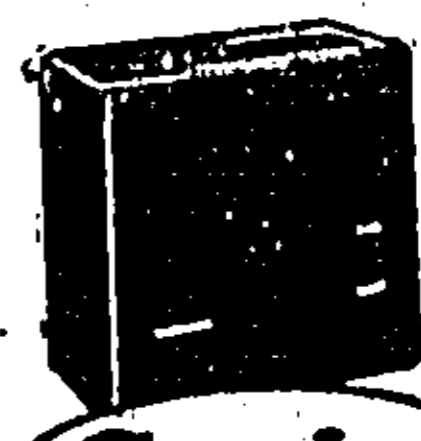
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Forms for the Fifth Extra Race  
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the Secretary's Office, Exchange  
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Happy Valley, and the Stables,  
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## THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

## Notice To Shareholders

## ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that an Extraordinary General  
Meeting of the Members of this  
Company will be held at the  
Office of Messrs. Jardine,  
Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder  
Street, Hong Kong, on Wednes-  
day, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15  
p.m., or at such time as the  
Ordinary Annual Meeting of  
Members to be held at the same  
place at Noon shall terminate,  
for the purpose of considering  
and, if thought fit, passing the  
following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of  
Association produced to the  
Meeting, and for the purpose  
of identification subscribed  
by David Fortune Landale,  
Chairman of the Company,  
and of the Meeting, be  
adopted as the Articles of  
Association of the Company  
in substitution for and to the  
exclusion of all existing  
Articles of Association of the  
Company."

A copy of the Proposed New  
Articles can be inspected by  
any Shareholder at the Offices  
of the Company during the  
usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors,  
C. E. TERRY,  
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

## THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

## Notice To Shareholders

## ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the Fifty-Seventh Ordinary  
Annual Meeting of the Members  
of the Company will be held at  
the Office of Messrs. Jardine,  
Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder  
Street, Hong Kong, on Wednes-  
day, 28th April, 1948, at Noon,  
to receive and consider the  
Report of the Board of Directors  
and Statement of Accounts for  
the year ended 31st Decem-  
ber, 1947, to elect Directors and  
to appoint Auditors.

## CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the  
Register of Members and  
Transfer Books of the Company  
will be closed from 15th April,  
1948, to 28th April, 1948, both  
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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

## IN THE GOODS OF Jethanand Moorjmal Tharani alias Jethanand Murjmal Tharani alias Jetha Moorjmal Tharani late of Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, Silk Merchant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the Court has by virtue  
of Section 58 of the Probates  
Ordinance 1897, made an Order  
limiting the time for creditors  
and others to send in their  
claims against the above estate  
to the 8th day of May, 1948.

All creditors and others are  
accordingly hereby required to  
send their claims to the under-  
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 12th day of April,  
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# De Gaulle Calls For Social Reconstruction

Marseilles, Apr. 17.

General Charles de Gaulle, in his closing speech  
here tonight to the first Congress of his "Rally  
of the French People," called for "economic  
and social reconstruction" by means of "asso-  
ciation instead of, and in place of, class strug-  
gle or the exploitation of man by man."

Such a relationship, aiming at output and progress,  
would, he said, give "new life to trade union-  
ism." It would govern apprenticeship, technical  
instruction and the selection of personnel from  
the bottom to the top.

General de Gaulle called for  
immediate general elections,  
which, he declared, would unite  
France in the face of perils  
from within and without and  
establish "an accord, between  
the nation and the public  
powers."

"If the edifice of State should  
collapse once more, we shall re-  
cognize only the supreme law of  
the welfare of the Fatherland,"  
he concluded.

Leading Gaullist officials said  
the speech indicated that the  
Rally of the French People, now  
claiming one and a half million  
members, would oppose by force,  
if necessary, any attempt at a  
Communist coup d'etat.

General de Gaulle dashed the  
hopes of those Parliamentarians  
who had been expecting his  
organization to support a  
middle-of-the-road Govern-  
ment within the present Par-  
liament.

The resolutions passed by the  
Rally on foreign affairs today re-  
vealed that General de Gaulle has  
proposed a less rigid approach to  
the German problem.

## Foreign Affairs

The main resolutions of the  
Congress affairs were:—

(1) That a fusion of the  
French occupation zone with the  
Anglo-American Bizone should  
only take place if all danger of  
the reconstitution of a centralized  
German Reich had been removed.

(2) That a separate German  
State comprising the Ruhr should  
be directly administered by a  
European Federation if the inter-  
nationalization of the Ruhr, as  
requested by France, could not  
be obtained.

(3) That a Constituent As-  
sembly of free European States  
should be held in Paris to co-  
ordinate political and military  
measures of common security.

(4) France should give a more  
generous welcome and offer bet-  
ter security on her soil to pol-  
itical refugees.—Reuter.

## THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ORDINARY YEARLY  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLD-  
ERS will be held in the Board  
Room of the Company, Room  
No. 303, Queen's Building,  
Hong Kong, on Tuesday the  
27th April, 1948, at noon for  
the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider  
the Statement of Accounts and  
Balance Sheet and the  
Report of the Directors and  
Auditors thereon.

2. To elect Directors.

3. To appoint Auditors and  
fix their remuneration.

4. To transact any other or-  
dinary business of the  
Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY  
GIVEN that the TRANSFER  
BOOKS of the COMPANY  
will be closed from the 18th  
April 1948 to the 27th April  
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors.

R. G. CRAIG,  
Chief Manager.

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## De Gaulle Rally Moves Left

Marseilles, Apr. 17.

General de Gaulle's French  
People's Rally today passed a  
resolution, calling for the as-  
sociation of the working  
classes with the management  
of industry and business.

"The Rally has taken a big  
step to the left," a leading official  
of the organization said tonight.  
Tonight's resolution, which de-  
clared that "the working class  
has given proof of its maturity  
and of its national consciousness,"  
described the existing wages sys-  
tem as "a survival of an out-of-  
date economic regime."

"All questions relating to  
management must be treated as  
between equals," the resolution  
said. "The authority of the  
executives must be strengthened  
in the interests of the enterprise  
as a whole, and the product of  
the joint effort of capital and  
labour must be fairly distributed."

This statement of policy was  
the result of lively discussions by  
a commission in which several  
hundred factory workers with an  
almost equal number of employ-  
ers took part.—Reuter.

## Buried In Wedding Gown

Bolton, Lancs., Apr. 17.

Frederick Anna Lisa Berns  
spent her two months in  
England preparing her wed-  
ding dress for her marriage  
next week to a British oc-  
cupation soldier, James Heald.  
Messages arriving at Heald's  
home in Bolton today from  
Germany offered best wishes  
on her marriage.

Anna did not read them.  
Dressed in her wedding gown,  
she was buried in Bolton  
Cemetery. Doctors said their  
preliminary report was she  
died from the after-effects of  
malnutrition incurred in Ger-  
many.—United Press.

## Marshall Plan Is "Insigne Torpeza"

Manila, Apr. 17.

Generalissimo Francisco Franco, in an interview  
with the "Manila Chronicle" correspondent,  
Vicente Arenas, at Madrid called Spain's ex-  
clusion from the Marshall Plan "rank stupidity"  
and said that Spain is not interested in United  
Nations membership.

Francisco told Arenas that the  
"exclusion of Spain from the  
Marshall Plan... constitutes  
rank stupidity" (he used the  
words "insigne torpeza") and a  
monstrous act in the moral  
sense. "Spain has enjoyed  
many years of uninterrupted  
peace with countries interested  
in the Marshall Plan and ob-  
served strict neutrality in two  
wars in which the same coun-  
tries were involved.

"Ironically although we received  
public solemn promises, es-  
teem and affection from these  
countries—especially England who  
made formal promises to help  
during the war—we are now  
denied the help which the same  
countries extend so lavishly to  
former enemies, the same kind  
of help they have already ex-  
tended to the Russian satellites  
who are now public enemies and  
disturbers of world peace."

Francisco added:  
"To love and serve the cause  
of world peace a country does  
not have to be a member of the  
United Nations. Spain has more  
right to repudiate it because from  
inception up to now its accom-  
plishments can offer Spain no  
benefit or protection whatever.  
Its deliberations and accords  
underline the incapacity of this  
organization."

Francisco denied that Spain is a  
refuge of former Fascists and  
Nazis.

"The assertion that we are  
giving them refuge here is a lie  
exaggerated by Radio Moscow and  
other enemies of Spain. How-  
ever, Spain reserves the right to  
give refuge to anyone we desire  
to protect.—United Press.

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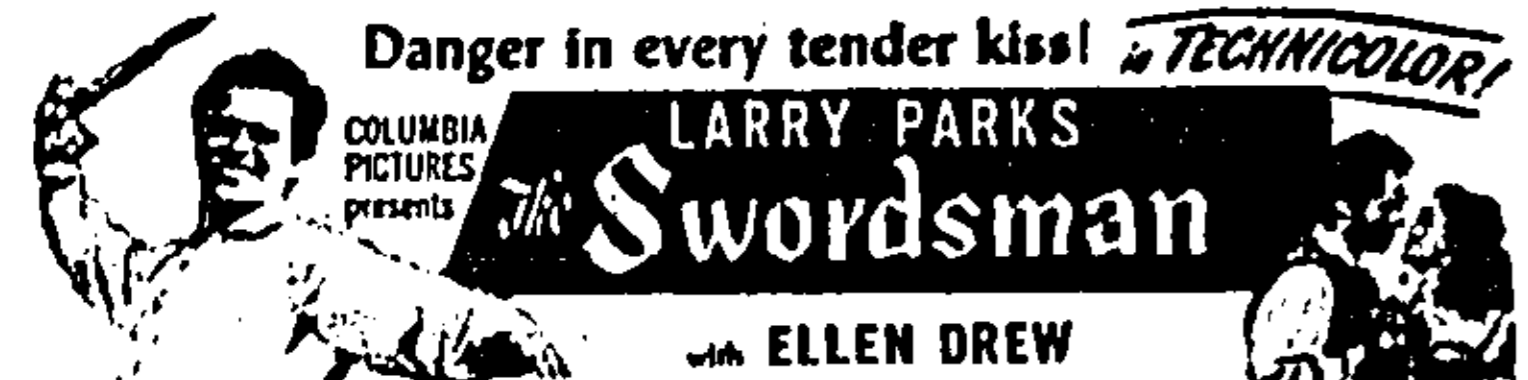


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# "RUSSO-JEWISH MENACE TO ARAB WORLD" Palestine To Be A Second Spain?

(By SAM SOUKI)

Amman, Transjordan, Apr. 17.

King Abdullah of the Transjordan told me today that he would send his Arab Legions into Palestine to fight what he called the "Russian and Jewish menace to the Arab world."

He said he had been advised that Russian commanders were "leading the Jews in Palestine." The critical situation there would cause him actively to assist Palestine Arabs.

The British-trained, British-officered, British-equipped Arab Legion of 20,000 men most powerful striking force in the Arab world. It is the only army of considerable size in this part of the world except for the rapidly-evacuating Palestine British Army. The Legion is commanded by Glubb Pasha, a British officer.

Abdullah tapped a finger on the table as he told me, "I like peace and have struggled for it." He paused and pointed dramatically toward Palestine. "But if the situation deteriorates further—I am a very hard man in action, especially when I smell the odour of Communism over there."

He said he had received a message from the Jewish Agency in Palestine disclaiming responsibility for the massacre of Arabs at Deir Yassin and denouncing the terrorism.

"They added that the Government of the new Jewish State intends to fight in accordance with recognized international laws of warfare. I interpret that as a declaration of war on the Transjordan and other Arab nations. But I do not recognize the existence of a Jewish State and I cannot dignify this declaration."

The King said he feared that after the British withdrawal on May 15 "there will be shiploads of Jews, Russians and arms filling into Haifa, Tel-Aviv and Jaffa."

"Then you would have another Spain, with the Anglo-Saxons fighting the Russians. Then would come the Third World War."

He indicated that he believed he could prevent this possibility by quickly throwing the mechanized Arab Legion into the fight. He said that if the Jews were reasonable, Palestine fighting could be stopped immediately.

Zionist Propaganda  
The King denied reports that he was agreeable to setting up a small separate Jewish State in Palestine. He said the reports were "Zionist propaganda."

He suggested instead one Palestine State, with further Jewish immigration halted and with Jews participating in the Government and running their own local Governments in Jewish areas.

Abdullah described the present clashes between the Arabs and Hagana men in Palestine as "kirkmishes" and added, "In future there will be real battles."

He did not mention the matter, but reliable reports said that King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia, who with Syria had previously opposed Transjordan intervention, had sent a letter to Abdullah saying King Ibn Saud now had no objections to the Arab Legion moving into the Palestine fray.

U.S. Attitude  
(At Lake Success, New York, an American official said the United States would contribute fighting forces and a "fair share" of funds to a joint peace-keeping army for Palestine.

The official emphasized, however, that the United States would not be on the peace-keeping job alone but would contribute troops only if joined by certain other countries.

He did not indicate these countries, but it was understood the United States had made no headway in lining up the desired countries.—United Press.

Urgent Appeal?  
King Abdullah has released a force of regular troops of the Transjordan Arab Legion to serve with the Arab Liberation Army in Palestine, according to a high Arab source here. This action he said follows an urgent appeal by the Arab League two days ago.

"The Arab League will continue to carry out its pledges to save Palestine" he added.

The source declined to specify the actual size of the Transjordan troops but said that more could be sent, if needed.—Associated Press.

The Right To Live  
New York, Apr. 17.  
Four Protestant religious agencies today sent a joint brief to the United States Supreme Court on behalf of an alien Japanese fisherman, Torao Takahashi, who has been denied a commercial fishing licence by the California Fish and Game Administration.

The Home Mission's Council of North America and three other groups asked the court to rule that the California regulation is unconstitutional on the grounds that it deprives the livelihood of a man due to his race.—United Press.

## Major Earthquake

Pasadena, Calif., Apr. 17.  
A major earthquake about 6,000 miles away, "possibly in the southern Japanese islands," was recorded today by the California Institute of Technology.

Dr. Charles Richter, chief of the Seismological Laboratory, said it was sufficiently strong to have caused extensive damage if it occurred in an inhabited place.

Earthquake recordings were also reported from Berkeley, California, and Boston, Massachusetts.—Reuter.

## Asia Soon Free Of Fears Of Starvation

Salon, Apr. 17.  
Asia, within six months, should be free from any major starvation threat.

This is the opinion of J. Norman Efferson, rice expert from Louisiana State University, who is making a world survey of rice conditions for the U.S. Agriculture Department.

Expected exports during 1948 from Siam and Burma, coupled with increased production in countries which before the war imported much of their rice supply, should insure that Asia's rice-eaters in the last half of 1948 will not starve, he declared.

—Associated Press.

## FANATICAL ARAB CHARGES

Jerusalem, Apr. 17.

Jewish militiamen of Hagana announced that they beat off today fanatical Arab desert warriors, who charged with knives clenched in their teeth, in a wild battle 15 miles east of Haifa.

Hagana estimated the Arabs lost from 100 to 130 dead and 50 wounded out of a force of 400 which stormed in waves for three days against the Jewish settlement of Ramat Yohanan. The Jewish losses were given as seven killed.

In one attack the Arabs—Druze warriors from Lebanon and Syria—charged to within 10 yards of the Hagana line. Sometimes the Druzes continued attacking after suffering wounds, the Jews declared.

A Tel Aviv dispatch said the Druzes attempted at least 10 assaults yesterday after Jewish counter-attacks had pushed them back from the adjacent village of Hosha and Khirbet Kasayit.

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay  
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PLAY BACKS UP BIDDING  
If a player is going to "cut dices" in the bidding in a strained effort to fill out some top score in a duplicate tournament, he usually must be prepared to back it up with good work in the play. Sometimes just plain good work is not enough. Fancy work may be necessary, based partly on the kind of opponents he knows him at the time, and partly on the kind of trickster who hates to do the orthodox thing if he can find something unusual to try, he must be a little that way himself.

S. J 1004  
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S. A Q 76  
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C. K J 10 65

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South West North East  
1 C Pass 1 S 2 H  
2 S Pass 3 D  
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Just follow West's cogitations as that bidding developed. When East came in at the level of two with his hearts, after both opponents had bid and with himself vulnerable, West placed him with a pretty useful hand. Notice then how South made a free raise of the spades. West, with good pluggers in his four-card lengths of both hostile bid suits, saw a possibility of a

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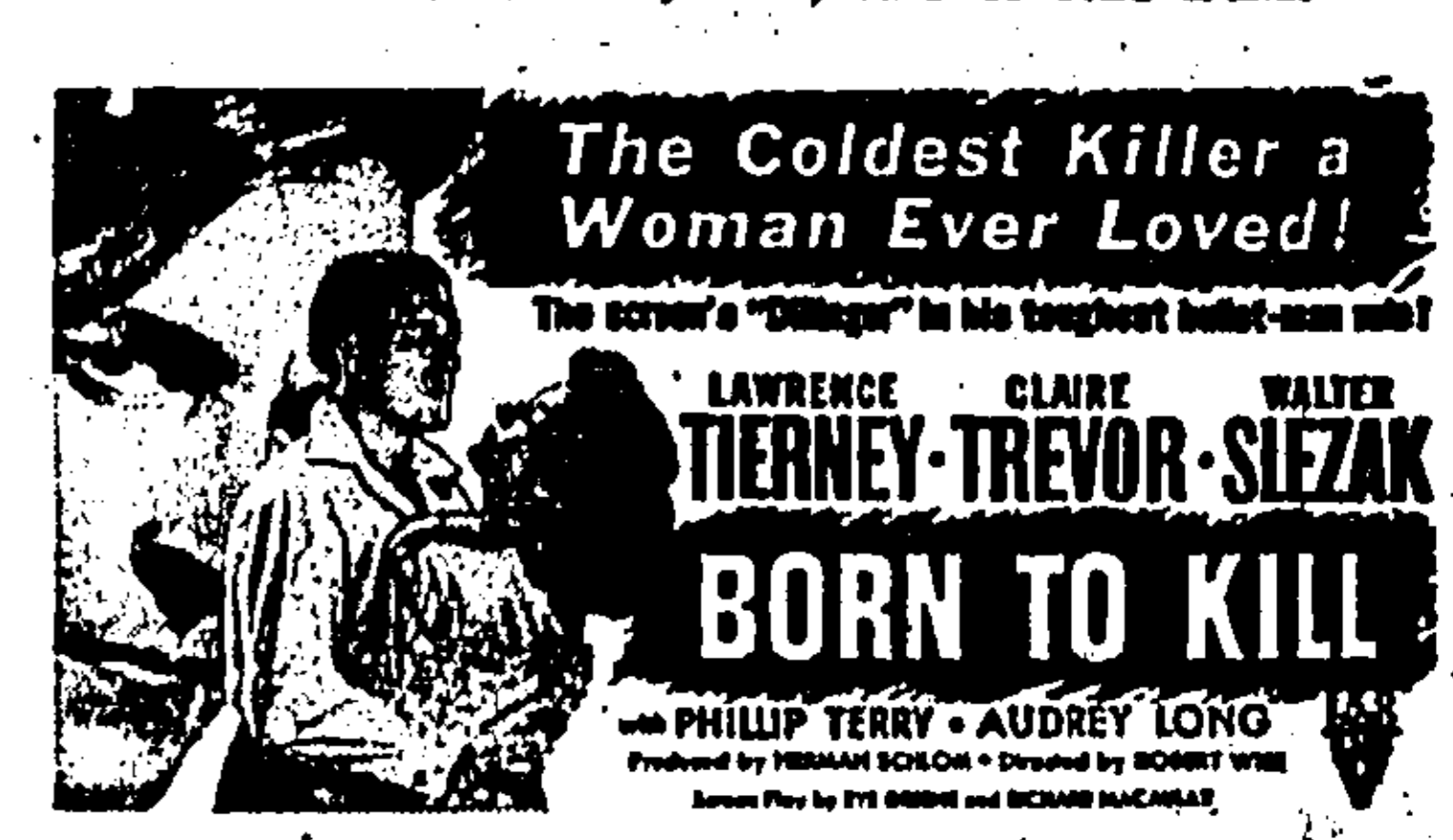
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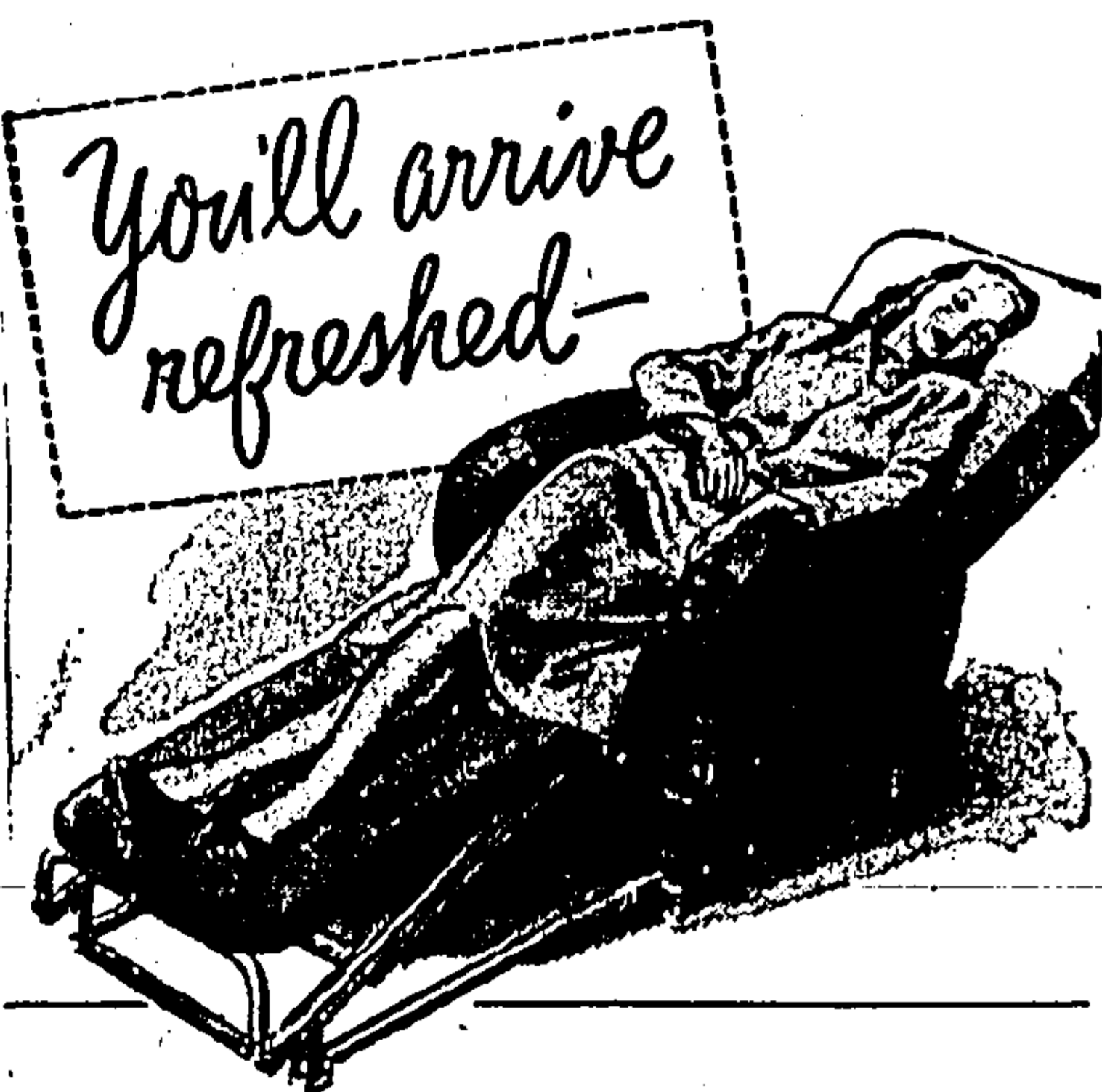
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Rip Van Winkle slept for 20 years. The NABM concentrated on 20 nights.

## Cows And Progress

While we do not wish to draw invidious distinctions among our fellow inhabitants of the world of nature, we could not help noticing that bees in Corning, Calif., are producing honey in flavours of strawberry, maple, chocolate, lemon, pineapple, and mint, and coloured to match, and that birds in Newark, Ohio, are building nests of Fiberglass.

Many birds, meanwhile, go right on making their homes from such antiquated materials as twigs, bark, rags, paper, and old shoelaces. Daubers go so far as to continue building their abodes of dirt. What's wrong with cellophane and gold leaf, for instance? If more birds would keep up with those birds in Newark, Ohio, it wouldn't be a term of derogation to say that something looked like a last year's bird's nest.

In striking contrast with the bees of Corning, Calif., cows have made no improvement in the flavour or colour of milk for at least the last 40-odd years to our certain knowledge. People have even been put to the inconvenience of adding chocolate, vanilla, etc., to it. If as small a creature as a bee can produce mint honey in a smart shade of green, it ought to be a cinch for a big, skulking animal like a cow to turn out milk in some really attractive shade like chartreuse, and flavoured, of course, chartreuse.

Please don't misunderstand us. Some of our best friends are cows, and we like milk in its place. But there is such a thing as progress, and we just thought we'd speak of it.



## The Third Instalment

## MR. STANLEY BALDWIN

bers of Tories worked and voted for me. In charge of each of my 34 committee rooms was a Conservative M.P. defying his leader, Mr. Baldwin, and the Party machine. This was unprecedented. I was defeated only by 43 votes out of 20,000 cast.

At the General Election I was returned for Epping by a 10,000 majority but as a "Constitutionalist," I would not at that time adopt the name "Conservative." I had had some friendly contacts with Mr. Baldwin in the interval; but I did not think he would survive to be Prime Minister. Now on the morrow of his victory I had no idea how he felt towards me.

I was surprised, and the Conservative Party dumbfounded, when he invited me to become Chancellor of the Exchequer, the office which my father had once held. A year later, with the approval of my constituents, not having been pressed personally in any way, I formally rejoined the Conservative Party and the Carlton Club, which I had left twenty years before.

For almost five years I lived next door to Mr. Baldwin at No. 11, Downing Street, and nearly every morning on my way through his house to the Treasury I looked in upon him for a few minutes chat in the Cabinet Room. As I was one of his leading colleagues, I take my share of responsibility for all that happened.

(Mr. Churchill goes on to describe the negotiations in 1928 starting with an exchange of Notes between Germany and France, which led up to the Locarno Treaty of 1925).

The British Dominions were not enthusiastic about a Western Pact. General Smuts was anxious to avoid regional arrangements. The Canadians were lukewarm, and only New Zealand was unconditionally prepared to accept the view of the British Government. To me the aim of ending the thousand-year strife between France and Germany seemed a supreme object.

If we could only weave Gaul and Teuton so closely together economically, and morally as to prevent the occasion of new quarrels, and make old antagonisms die in the realisation of mutual prosperity and interdependence. Europe would rise again. It seemed to me that the supreme interest of the British people in Europe lay in the assuagement of the Franco-German feud, and that there had no other interests comparable or contrary to that. This is still my view today.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, as Foreign Secretary, had an outlook which was respected by all parties, and the whole Cabinet was united in his support. In July the Germans replied to the French Note, accepting the linking-up of a Western Pact with the entry of Germany into the League of Nations, but stating the prior need for agreement upon general disarmament.

In August the French, with the full agreement of Great Britain, replied officially to Germany. Germany must enter the League without reservations as the first and indispensable step. The German Government accepted this stipulation. This meant that the conditions of the Treaties were to continue in force unless or until modified by mutual arrangement, and that no specific pledge for a reduction of Allied armaments had been obtained.

On this basis the Conference at Locarno was formally opened on October 4. By the waters of this calm lake the delegates of Britain, France, Germany, Belgium and Italy assembled.

The Conference achieved: First, the Treaty of Mutual Guarantee between the five Powers; secondly, Arbitration Treaties between Germany and France, Germany and Belgium, Germany and Poland, Germany and Czechoslovakia, and France and Poland, and France and Czechoslovakia, by which France undertook to afford them assistance if a breakdown of the Western Pact were followed by an unprovoked resort to arms.

Thus did the Western European democracies agree to keep the peace among themselves in all circumstances, and to stand united against any one of their number who broke the compact and marched in aggression upon a brother land. As between France and Germany, Great Britain became solemnly pledged to come to the aid of whichever of the other two States was the object of unprovoked aggression.

The question whether there was any obligation on the part of France or Britain to disarm, or to disarm to any particular level, was not affected.

I had been brought into these matters as Chancellor of the Exchequer at an early stage. My own view about this two-way guarantee was that while France remained armed and Germany disarmed, Germany could not attack her; and that on the other hand France could never attack Germany. If that automatically involved Britain becoming Germany's ally, Britain and the League of Nations, which Germany joined as part of the Agreement offered a real protection to the German people.

There was a balance created in which Britain, whose major interest was the cessation of the quarrel between Germany and France, was to a large extent umpire and arbiter. One hoped

## Goebbels' Diary will be found in Page Eight

that this equilibrium might have lasted twenty years, during which the Allied armaments would gradually and naturally have dwindled under the influence of a long peace, growing confidence, and financial burdens.

It was evident that danger would arise if ever Germany became more or less equal with France, still more if she became stronger than France. But all this seemed excluded by solemn treaty obligations.

The Foreign Secretary, having no official residence, asked me to lend my dining-room at No. 11 Downing Street for his intimate friendly luncheon with Herr Stresemann. We all met together in great amity, and thought what a wonderful future would await Europe if its greatest nations became truly united and felt themselves secure.

The new Germany took her place in the truncated League of Nations. Under the rental influence of £2,000,000,000 of American and British loans she was reviving rapidly. Her new ocean liners gained the Blue Ribbon of the Atlantic. Her trade advanced by leaps and bounds, and internal prosperity ripened. France and her system of alliances also seemed secure in Europe. The disarmament clauses of the Treaty of Versailles were not openly violated. The Ger-

man Navy was non-existent. The German Air Force was prohibited and still unborn.

On the other hand there lay before us what I later called "The Economic Blizzard." Knowledge of this was confined to rare financial circles, and these were cowed into silence by what they foresaw.

The General Election of May, 1929, showed that the "swing of the pendulum" and the normal desire for change were powerful factors with the British electorate. The Conservatives were the largest party in the new House of Commons, but the Liberals, with 100 seats, held the balance, and it was plain that under Mr. Lloyd George's leadership they would, at the outset at least, be hostile to the Conservatives.

Mr. Baldwin and I were in full agreement that we should not seek to hold office in a minority or on precarious Liberal support.

Accordingly, although there were some differences of opinion in the Cabinet and the party about the course to be taken, Mr. Baldwin tendered his resignation to the King. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald became for the second time Prime Minister at the head of a minority Government depending upon Liberal votes.

The Socialist Prime Minister wished his new Labour Government to distinguish itself by large concessions to Egypt, by a far-reaching constitutional change in India, and by a renewed effort for world, or at any rate British, disarmament. These were aims which he could count upon Liberal aid, and for which he therefore commanded a Parliamentary majority.

Here began my differences with Mr. Baldwin, and thereafter the relationship in which we had worked since he chose me for Chancellor of the Exchequer five years before, became sensibly altered. We still of course remained in easy personal contact, but we knew we did not mean the same thing.

My idea was that the Conservative Opposition should strongly confront the Labour Government on all great Imperial and national issues, should identify itself with the majority of Britain as under Lord Bessborough and Lord Salisbury, and should not hesitate to face controversy, even though that might not immediately evoke a response from the nation.

So far as I could see, Mr. Baldwin felt that the times were too far gone for any robust assertion of British Imperial greatness, and that the hope of the Conservative party lay in accommodation with Liberal and Labour forces, and in adroit, well-timed manoeuvres to detach powerful moods of public opinion and large blocks of voters from them. He certainly was very successful. He was the greatest party manager the Conservatives had ever had.

He fought, as their leader, five General Elections, of which he won three, and in the other two still remained at the head of the largest party. History alone can judge these general issues.

It was on India that our definite breach occurred. The Prime Minister, strongly supported and even spurred by the Conservative Viceroy, Lord Irwin, afterwards Lord Halifax, pressed forward with his plan of Indian self-Government.

Mr. Baldwin seemed quite content with these developments. I felt sure we should lose India in the final result and that measureless disasters would come upon the Indian peoples. I therefore after a while resigned from the Shadow Cabinet upon this issue.

In October, 1929, a sudden and violent tempest swept over Wall Street. The intervention of the most powerful agencies failed to stem the tide of panic sales. The whole wealth so proudly gathered in the paper values of previous years vanished.

In the wake of the collapse of the stock market came during the years between 1929 and 1932, an unrelenting cuts in production, causing widespread unemployment. The consequences of this dislocation of economic life became world-wide.

Mr. MacDonald's Government, with all their promises behind them, saw unemployment during 1930 and 1931 mount up in their faces from 1,000,000 to nearly 3,000,000. Consequential disasters fell upon Germany and other European countries. However, nobody starved in the English-speaking world.

It is always difficult for an administration or party which is founded upon attacking capital to preserve the confidence and credit so important to the highly artificial economy of an island like Britain. Mr. MacDonald's Labour-Socialist Government were utterly unable to cope with the problems which confronted them. They could not command the party discipline or produce the vigour necessary even to balance the Budget.

In such conditions a Government already in a minority and deprived of all financial confidence could not survive. It seemed that only a Government of all parties was capable of coping with the crisis.

Mr. MacDonald and his Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. James Callaghan, in a strong patriotic emotion, attempt-

ed to carry the mass of the Labour party into his combination. Mr. Baldwin, always content that others should have the function, so long as he retained the power, was willing to serve under Mr. MacDonald. It was an attitude which, though deserving respect, did not correspond to the facts.

I was not invited to take part in the Coalition Government. I was politically severed from Mr. Baldwin about India. I was an opponent of the policy of Mr. MacDonald's Labour Government. Like many others, I had felt the need of a national concentration. But I was neither surprised nor unhappy when I was left out of it.

Political dramas are very exciting at the time to those engaged in the clatter and whirl of politics, but I can truthfully affirm that I never felt resentment, still less pain, at being so decisively discarded in a moment of national stress.

There was, however, an inconvenience. For all these years since 1905 I had sat on one or the other of the front benches, and always had the advantage of speaking from the box on which you can put your notes, and pretend with more or less success to be making it up as you go along. I had to find with some difficulty a seat below the gangway on the Government side, where I had to hold my notes in my hand whenever I spoke, and take my chance for debate with other well-known ex-Cabinet Ministers. However, from time to time I got called.

I returned from abroad to find everything unsettled in the advent of an inevitable General Election. A National Government formed under Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the founder of the Labour-Socialist party, proposed to the people a programme of severe austerity and sacrifice. It was an earlier version of "Blood, sweat, toil and tears," without the stimulus or the requirements of war and mortal peril.

The mass of the people were asked to vote for a regime of self-denial. They responded as they always do when caught in the heroic temper.

Although contrary to their declarations, the Government abandoned the Gold Standard, and Mr. Baldwin was obliged to suspend as it proved for ever those very payments on the American Debt which he had forced on the Bonar Law Cabinet of 1923, confidence and credit were restored.

Mr. MacDonald as Prime Minister was only followed by seven or eight members of his own party, but barely 100 of his Labour opponents and former followers were returned to Parliament. His health and powers were falling fast, and he reigned in increasing decrepitude at the summit of the British system for nearly five fateful years. And very close in these five years came Hitler.

(To Be Continued)

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## Formal Solution In Indonesia

Batavia, Apr. 17. A formal solution to the dispute between the Dutch and the Indonesian Republicans over the Jogjakarta railway station incident can be expected shortly, reliable sources said here tonight, after a meeting of the Indonesian Provisional Federal Government.

The meeting, headed further reports from the deputy Lieutenant-Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies, Raden Abdul Kadir Wirjodarmas, and the deputy leader of the Netherlands negotiating delegation, Jansz van Vredenburg.

They are both returning to the Republican capital, Jogjakarta, by air tomorrow. Reliable sources said that it was expected that the political negotiations, sponsored by the Security Council good offices Committee, would probably begin on Monday.

The Sultan of Pontianak, from West Borneo, and a representative of the new state of Madura, are also going to Jogjakarta to make contact with the Republicans.

The good offices committee called on the Dutch and Republican leaders for an early solution of the Jogjakarta railway station incident, in which the Dutch envoys were manhandled—Reuter.

## DE VALERA DOWN UNDER

Dublin, Apr. 17. Mr. Eamon de Valera, former Premier of Eire, hopes to leave next Wednesday for Melbourne to seek Australian support for Eire's case, and to end his long absence from Northern Ireland. Mr. John Costello, Eire's Minister for External Affairs, said that the Eire Government was in the United States, in Australia, New Zealand, and elsewhere, in order to "clarify the position" between Eire and the North—Reuter.

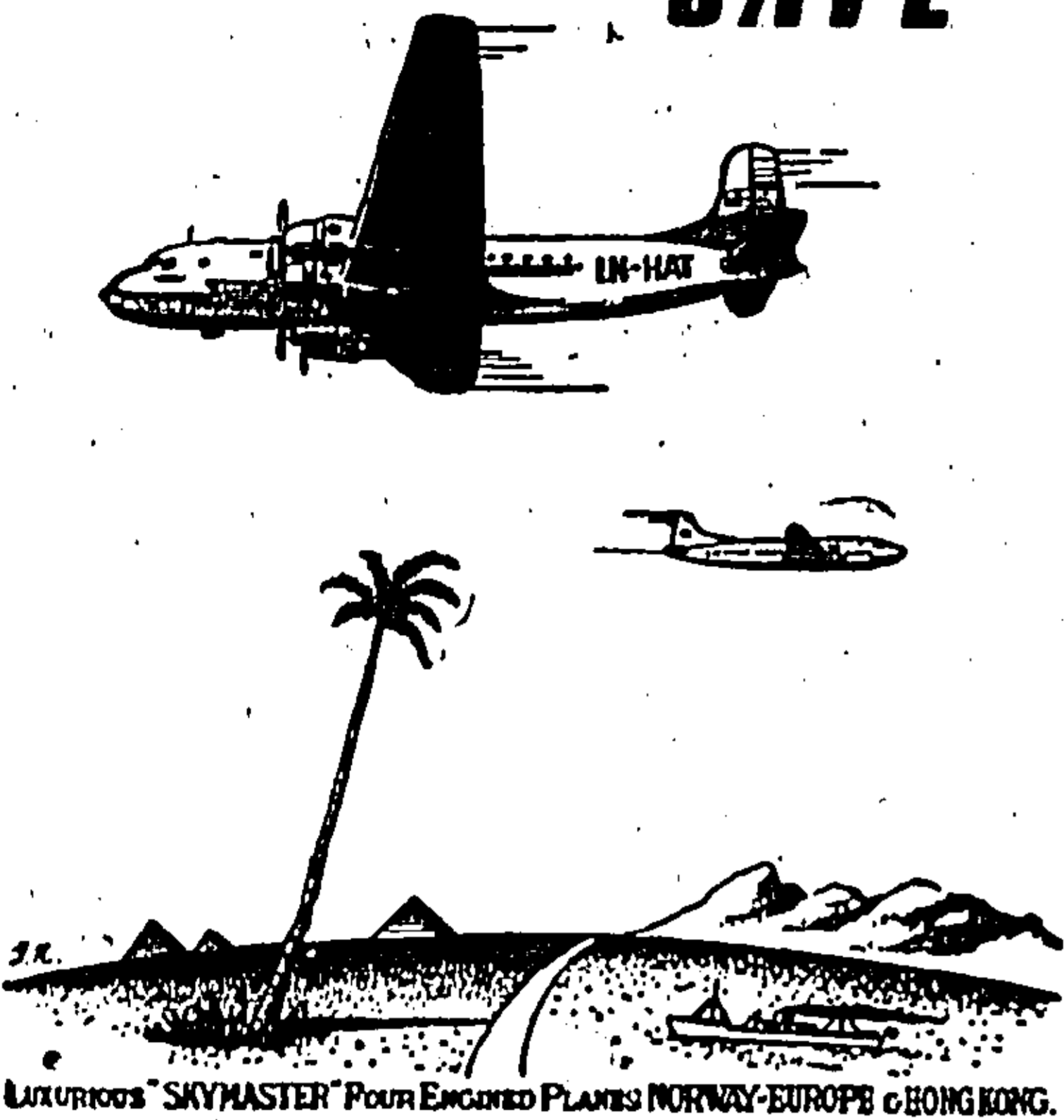
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# Auction For Italian Votes

## Western Powers Believed To Have Outbid Soviet Russia: Police Stand By National Elections Begin

New York, April 17.

An auction for Italian votes ended today and the Western Powers, led by the United States, appeared to have made a high bid. Given a three-day election vacation, the Italians are to vote on Sunday and Monday on the issue of Democracy vs. Communism, Western Powers vs. Russia and Russia Marxist Socialism vs. Capitalism.

There is little doubt that the Soviet Union had lost. The best estimates were that the Communist front would poll less than 35 per cent of the vote. That probably would keep them out of the coalition government which presumably would be headed by Premier Alcide De Gasperi's strongly Catholic Christian Democrats.

The United States had offered Italy \$2,500,000 economic aid under the European recovery programme, accompanied by a warning that a Communist Government in Italy could expect no help at all. The Western Powers had proposed jointly the return of Trieste to Italy and had forced Russia into a position of refusing this demand.

The Russians offered nothing but some glittering promises of better life under Communism and some charges that the Italians who voted against Communism would be completing the sellout of their nation to American imperialism. It was not good enough.

The Communist front leader, Palmiro Togliatti, admitted as much as he closed his campaign with a speech to 100,000 persons in Rome in which he demanded that the Communists be included in the coalition government regardless of the election result. That was not the talk of the man who hoped for victory.

Rain threatened and it appeared likely to favour the Communists. Their well-disciplined forces would vote anyway. The more conservative voters, including women and old people, might not brave the bad weather to go to polls.

Italy's tough Interior Minister, Mario Scelba, ordered four policemen to each of the nation's 41,648 polling places. There was little violence as the campaign closed and no major outbreaks are expected during the voting. But the Government is ready with an alerted force of 330,000 troops and police.—United Press.

### Forces Mobilised

Rome, Apr. 17. The Italian Government gave new orders to its mobilised forces—330,000 troops and police of all kinds—to protect the vote in the national elections beginning on Sunday.

"Tomorrow you decide the destiny of Italy, the destiny of Europe. Vote!" was the advertisement appearing in all of today's Anti-Communist newspapers. This plea summed up sharply the vast issues facing the 29,146,000 Italians eligible to vote in the two-day election. The warning was printed on a map of Europe showing Russia and her Eastern European satellites in deep black, the rest of Europe in white.

Premier de Gasperi, summarising the issues in a newspaper interview after his final speech at Naples Friday night, said the campaign had boiled down to the "iron alternatives" between a regime of liberty or Bolshevik totalitarianism.

Strong closing stock market quotations were interpreted as reflecting confidence in a Communist defeat. The tough preparations of Interior Minister Mario Scelba to guarantee the right of the people to choose without intimidation reflected the breadth of Italy's decision.

### Security Orders

The mobilised security forces were told to:—  
1—Deal forcefully with anyone attempting to intimidate voters.  
2—Keep crowds moving—voters must not be allowed to collect or loiter around polling places after voting.

3—Look out for "obstructionism"—intentional delays in voting for instance—calculated to make waiting voters give up and go home.

4—Prevent electioneering at the polls.  
Scelba, in a closing speech Friday night, said: "The Government will be on the watch. If the liberty of the votes should be compromised it should be compromised."

### SERVICE AS USUAL

Frankfurt, Apr. 17. The British European Airways service between London and Vienna was operating normally today, according to a representative at the Frankfurt airport.

The plane which reached Vienna yesterday and whose return flight was delayed, left Vienna this morning with a full passenger complement for Frankfurt.—United Press.

would not hesitate to take the most radical measures, even the suspension of the elections."  
The Government's preparations apparently had impressed the Communist leader Palmiro Togliatti, whose lieutenants have boasted of "tens of thousands of partisan trained youths" ready to act at their call.  
Told of Scelba's warning, Togliatti, said, "There ought not to be any trouble, and there will not be because we have all undertaken to respect the electoral liberty of the Italian people."  
Nevertheless the ceaseless search for hidden arms went on.—Associated Press.

## Reds Accused Of Brazil Plot

Rio de Janeiro, Apr. 16.

Brazilian Federal police announced today that 26 Communists have been arrested and directly implicated in the explosion yesterday of the Army's Deodoro arsenal. The arsenal was wrecked by five blasts, and 23 persons were known to have been killed. Firemen still are seeking 12 girl employees who were trapped and possibly killed in a nearby textile mill.

Estimates of the number of injured range from 100 to 200. Walls crumbled within a mile radius of the scene.

The police said the explosion was intended as the beginning of a Communist plot for a "second Bogota" here on May 1. The plot was attributed to a high leader of the Communist Party, which is outlawed in Brazil. Police withheld his name, but said his arrest was expected soon.

According to the official account, the Communists intended to kill the Brazilian War Minister, General Roberto Pereira de Costa. An unexplained delay in the explosion saved his life and he left the scene just 50 minutes earlier.

The explosion scattered grenades over a wide area, complicating the task of fighting the fire.—Associated Press.

### Warning

Mexico City, Apr. 16. Communist parties which are operating in every country in the Western Hemisphere (with two exceptions) plan new uprisings in at least three other Latin-American countries in the near future, General Rene Picado, Costa Rican Minister of Public Security, said today.

He predicted there would be Communist-sponsored uprisings, either as armed revolts or as

## U.S. Raid On Tokyo Recalled

Minneapolis, Apr. 17. Forty survivors of the first American bombing raid on Tokyo gathered today in Minneapolis, the city where they were asked to volunteer for a "mission of great hazard."

Three days of dinners, cocktail parties and informal talks were scheduled, with but one business mission.

Sunday will be the sixth anniversary of the raids on five Japanese cities. Of the 80 men who volunteered, 61 are living today and 35 of them still are members of the U.S. Army Air Force. It was in Minneapolis that plans were made for the raid, and planes used by the fliers were repaired and modified here for the flight.

General James Doolittle, who commanded the raid, will speak at a dinner tonight.—Associated Press.

Funchal, Apr. 17. Harry Hinton, 31, wealthy British planter, who obtained a monopoly on sugar and alcohol production here in 1880, died today.—Associated Press.

## "Civil Rights"

Mobile, Ala., Apr. 17.

A 20-year-old white mechanic, who, according to the police, signed a statement that he beat a negro with his fists and kicked him in a dispute over President Truman's "civil rights" programme, was freed today of a charge of murder.

The Mobile County Grand Jury had failed to return an indictment against him and the State Solicitor said today this means he was now at liberty. President Truman's "civil rights" programme calls for anti-lynching legislation and an end to racial segregation.—Reuter.

## As One Joe To Another?

New York, Apr. 17.

The House Speaker, Mr. Joseph Martin, told the Republican Club meeting today: "If I could talk with Stalin I could end the mad rush toward war and prevent a conflagration which would destroy civilization."

He made this statement in reference to his action towards ending the coal strike. He charged that in the Truman Administration "sometimes the people get so they do not talk to each other and somebody has to step in."

"There come a time," he said, "when to procure understanding and peace—a sincere effort to bring about peace must be made."

He left no doubt that his attitude towards Soviet Russia is conciliatory.  
Martin said that despite the lack of co-operation in the Administration, progress has been made toward purging Communists from the United States Government and "this fight will never stop until we drive the last Communist out of the Government."

Regarding peoples under Communist-dominated countries, Martin said "They have no rights. They have no dignity... under the Masters of the Kremlin, the men and women are chained to the soil in slavery and serfdom."—United Press.

## N.W.A. Chief In China

Shanghai, Apr. 16.

Don Kiang, Vice-President of the Orient Region of North-west Airlines, arrived today to make a survey on the possibility of establishing the company's Far Eastern headquarters in Shanghai. He declined to commit himself definitely but said he plans to remain here indefinitely to determine the extent of airline facilities and business opportunities in conjunction with the company's planned Oriental expansion.

Kiang also indicated he wanted to make sure his company could share in the expected tourist trade increase from America in the event the State Department as rumoured shortly lifts tourist travel restrictions to China.—United Press.

## Rioters Are Now Just Hungry People

Bogota, Apr. 17.

The rioters who put Colombia to the torch last week are now just hungry people roaming the wreckage of their own making. Today the only loot they seek is—food.

From one end of the country to the other, reports reach the capital of dwindling food supplies and rocketing prices.

In the capital, soldiers are standing guard as thousands of thin-faced Colombians queue up for meagre rations. A few public markets have re-opened. But they have little to sell.

And the people haven't enough money to keep pace with prices leaping in spite of Government threats to punish speculators. Already food costs are up 80 to 200 per cent more than before the first shots were fired.

An estimated 5,000 stores and offices were looted and fired in the frenzy that gripped the country from April 10. But commerce in Bogota, the country's heart, has been ruined and official sources cannot predict how long it will take to restore it.

Between 350 and 800 persons are estimated to have died. The injured are said to be innumerable. They include 120 students of the National University. An eye witness said he saw 200 bodies laid out in the city's Central Cemetery.

"I became ill and could not go on counting," he added.

### Coffee "Safe"

About the only thing of importance that escaped real harm was the Colombian coffee industry. It escaped because it is not a concentrated industry. It is spread over thousands of plantations.

But petroleum production—accounts for twelve per cent of the country's foreign exchange—was halted by the riots.—Associated Press.

## Soviet Officials Withdrawn

Washington, Apr. 17.

The Soviet Union is steadily reducing the number of Russians officially assigned to the United States.

American officials reported that Soviet diplomatic, consular, purchasing and miscellaneous personnel, including dependants, have been trimmed below 350 compared with 768 a year ago.

Soviet personnel in the United States in 1946 totalled 1,458, while there were about 2,500 here in 1945.

The officials said that the decrease was probably due in large part to the fact that the Soviet purchasing agency, Amtorg, is having trouble buying American goods.

Official records show that only 104 Americans, including 23 dependants, are living in Moscow. The only other American in the Soviet Union is the United States Consul at Vladivostok.

Officials said the American colony is not being allowed to come in contact with Soviet citizens except for the most important official business. The number of Soviet citizens formerly employed by the American Embassy as translators and clerks has gradually drifted away without explanation.—United Press.

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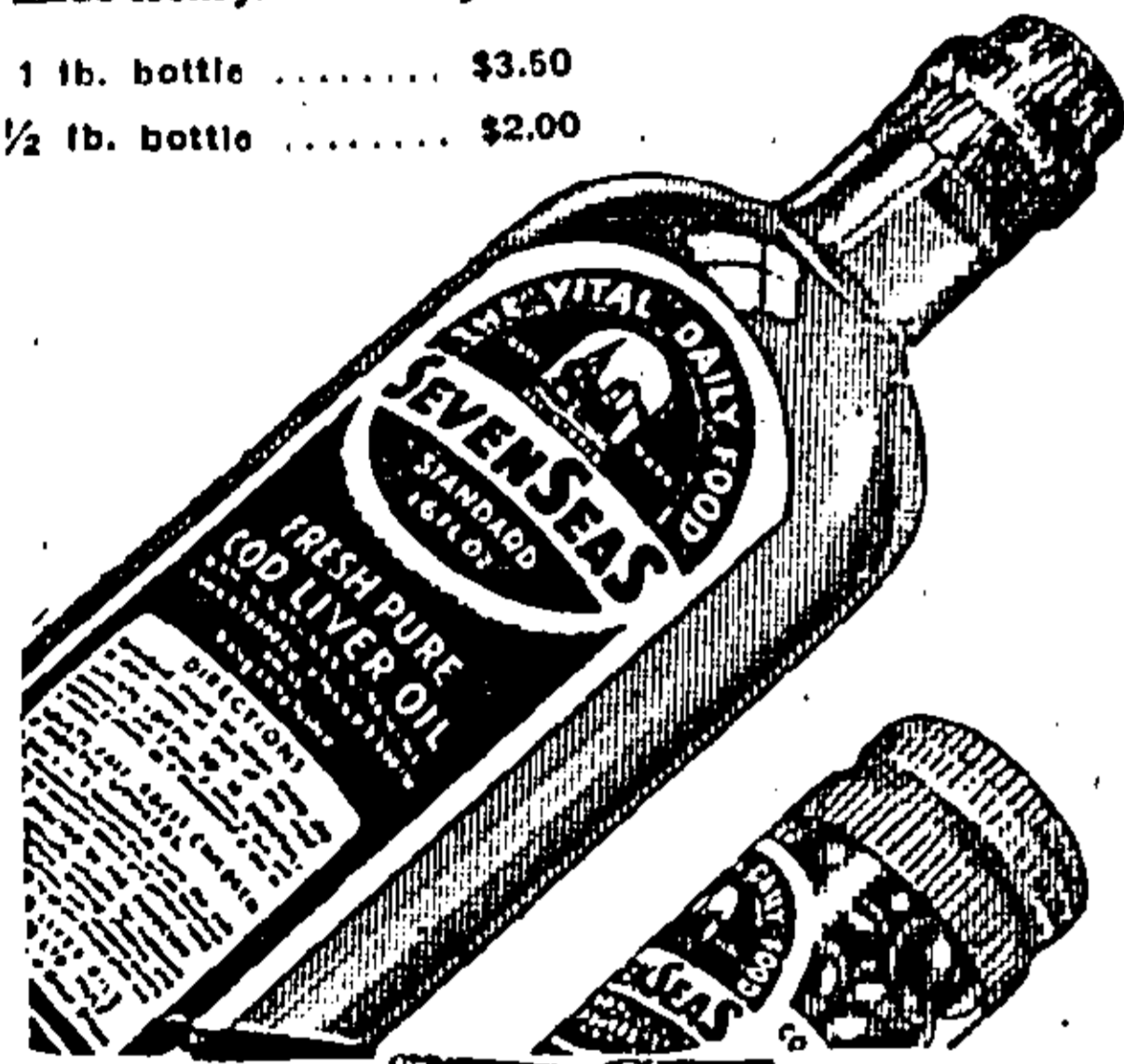
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## Bad Elements Surrounded Mussolini

His wife, Rachele, hates Edda from the bottom of her heart. One can easily understand that. The Duce, on the other hand trusts Edda more than he does his wife.

### Bad Impression

Edda visited the Fuehrer some days ago. On that occasion she created a very bad impression. All she asked for was permission to emigrate to South America via Spain. In this connection she tried to settle some money questions.

Ciano has brought about 6,000,000 lire with him from Italy. She wanted to exchange these for pesetas, and actually offered the Fuehrer the difference in the exchange rate, a tactlessness that nauseated the Fuehrer.

Ciano intends to write his memoirs. The Fuehrer rightly suspects that such memoirs can only be written in a manner derogatory to us, for otherwise he could not dispose of them in the international market.

There is therefore no thought of authorizing Ciano to leave the Reich; he will remain in our custody, at least for the present.

All these circumstances show by what vile elements the Duce is surrounded. If the Duce were a man whose politics were uninfluenced by family considerations he would have Ciano executed and his daughter whipped.

On the contrary, he is putting up a pretence that they are a loving family.

Unfortunately Rommel had to undergo an operation for appendicitis during the critical days in Italy; otherwise he would undoubtedly have been able to take a hand in Salerno.

I put the question to the Fuehrer whether his G.H.Q. was sufficiently protected against possible attacks by parachutists. The liberation of Mussolini has shown how easily such a manoeuvre can be carried out if it is quite unexpected.

The Fuehrer, thank God, was able to assure me that security measures at G.H.Q. have been strengthened considerably.

### Fuehrer and Churchill

In the course of dinner I was able to talk over a number of questions with the Fuehrer. I asked the Fuehrer whether he would be ready to negotiate with Churchill or whether he declined this principle.

He does not believe that negotiations with Churchill would lead to any result as he is too deeply wedded to his hostile views and besides, is guided by hatred and not by reason.

The Fuehrer would prefer negotiations with Stalin, but he does not believe they would be successful since Stalin cannot cede what Hitler demands in the East.

I told the Fuehrer that we must come to an arrangement with one side or the other.

The question when England might be inclined toward peace is naturally difficult to answer at the moment. All people are human, and after four years of war nobody sees any fun in it. Personally, too, we ourselves are yearning for peace. The Fuehrer stressed this.

The Fuehrer does not like Goering's ideas of art, and is especially annoyed at the way Frau Goering always butts in on theatre questions.

In the evening there was a tea in honour of Field-Marshal General Kettel's birthday. I was the only civilian present.

In this circle of generals the Fuehrer reverted to the theme

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of Russia; but he spoke much more reservedly than when talking to me privately.

If we actually had a choice it would naturally be much more agreeable to start talks with London than with Moscow. One can always make a better deal with a democratic State.

### Too Tired!

Psychologically the English would not be in a position to make war, and besides the English people are too tired of it and possibly also too exhausted. It is different with the Bolsheviks.

The Fuehrer showed me a copy of a letter that Edda Mussolini addressed to her father, the Duce. This letter beats everything. Edda Mussolini is acting like a wildcat in her Bavarian villa. She smashes china and furniture on the slightest provocation.

This time she complained to her father because she could not get through to him on the telephone on one occasion and because she was once denied a car.

She uses ridiculous trivialities to threaten her father with blackmail. She states in the letter that unless he helps her immediately and takes her along to Italy, she will involve him in a gigantic scandal so that curses and disgrace will be showered upon her father's head before the whole world.

It is hard to imagine that the daughter of a great man dares to act thus toward her father.

Of course the Fuehrer and I ask ourselves whether possibly Edda Mussolini and especially Ciano know something about the Duce which might compromise him in public opinion; otherwise she would hardly be in a position to write that sort of blackmail letter.

Should that actually be the case, most of the riddle about Fascism would be solved.

One could then explain why the Duce always yielded to Ciano, even at this time—a thing that would otherwise be completely incomprehensible. The letter certainly bears testimony not only against Edda Mussolini but against the Duce himself.

What sort of upbringing must the Duce have given his daughter if she dares to write him such a letter in the circumstances!

I urgently warned the Fuehrer against permitting Ciano to escape to Spain. Edda Mussolini had urged this upon him.

She said she wanted a separation from her husband, while Ciano wished to write his memoirs there. One can imagine what these memoirs will be like.

I am firmly convinced that this dirty scoundrel would start writing against us before he had been gone a month. Ciano is the Satan of the Fascist movement and the curse of Italy.

The Fuehrer wants to put strong pressure on the Duce to create order at least in his own family.

Johst (a novelist), who is a neighbour of the Cianos in Upper Bavaria, has written a series of letters to the Fuehrer about their behaviour.

Johst described conditions at the Villa Ciano as simply grotesque. But he sees the essential point: the Cianos and his wife are absolutely worthless creatures who under normal conditions would be put in prison.

### Fears Blackmail

The Fuehrer would like the Duce to hand Ciano over to him. He would stand him up against a wall immediately and send his wife, Edda, to a house of correction where she would probably soon come to her senses.

Our security service succeeded in arresting the Princesses Mita and Mafalda of Savoy. They are acting exceptionally insolently and insultingly, but they are being taken into the school of hard knocks.

After the generals had taken their leave long after midnight, the Fuehrer asked me to come to him once more quite alone.

For hours we walked up and down in his map room and discussed the Italian question from its most intimate angles.

The Fuehrer told me that, while he had no proofs, he thought it quite possible that it may at one time have been the Duce's personal intention to desert us.

The Fuehrer fears that this is the blackmail material which Ciano and his wife have in their hands.

I don't believe that is the reason. Edda Mussolini knows some secret about her father which is either of a criminal nature or compromises him socially and politically. It is either a question of love affairs or of money.

The whole affair is certainly very strange and it is desirable that we should hold on to the personalities involved so that no disaster may result.

We must begin slowly to write the Duce off politically. However much we may like him personally, and however valuable the services which he rendered to the Reich, he is a criminal and a scoundrel who is involved in the Reich's affairs.

When we are considering that our security service has lost 10,000,000,000 marks, that we have paid 100,000,000 marks for this campaign,

the Reich and Italy must deliver up their so-called war criminals. Austria is to be independent again. Fascism is to be eliminated in Italy.

In addition, an international organisation for the safeguarding of peace must be called into being.

Casualty figures for the East covering the 10 days from October 11 to 20 inclusive are now available. The number of killed in action during this period is 3,279, of wounded 29,540, and of missing 5,225. We just cannot stand such a drain for long.

When we are considering that our security service has lost 10,000,000,000 marks, that we have paid 100,000,000 marks for this campaign,

## Hitler And Goering's Art Ideas

At some point or other we simply must try to get out of this desperate bloodletting. Otherwise we are in danger of slowly bleeding to death.

Reports based on interrogations of prisoners of war about morale in the United States indicate that the American people are not so tired of war as the English. Nor have they any great difficulties about food. Only the strikes give some hope of an early change.

The English and Americans are again talking about a general's plot in the Reich which is to overthrow the Hitler regime. It is very suspicious that whenever the enemy speaks of a domestic crisis in the Reich, he always thinks of the generals. That is hardly an accident.

### Ciano Arrested.

November 4: Ciano has actually been arrested on orders of the Duce and put into a military prison. The Duce has sent his daughter Edda into a sanatorium. That is the best thing he could possibly do.

I was given a report about the corruption of German blood by foreign labour. Several thousand illegitimate children of foreign workers and German women or foreign women and German men are recorded. The numbers, however, are not high enough to cause excessive worry.

November 7: The enemy has threatened to continue the air offensive in intensified form, and I believe will carry out this threat if it is at all possible.

During yesterday's daylight raid alone we lost 30 fighters. That is an enormous loss, and simply cannot be borne in the long run.

Our fighter planes are not equal to the Americans. It is very humiliating to see how the enemy is leading us by the nose in air warfare.

Every month he introduces some new method which it takes weeks and sometimes months for us to catch up with.

Air raids at home cause deep concern to the troops. Hatred against England exceeds all bounds.

The problem of letters from our prisoners in the Soviet Union is causing us many a headache. These letters now no longer number a few hundreds, but arrive by thousands and tens of thousands.

It cannot be denied that they make a deep impression upon the people and that it is impossible in the long run to be silent about them, officially or to hold them back.

November 9: This afternoon Goering delivered a two-and-a-half-hour address on aerial warfare. The speech did not achieve the effect that he evidently expected. He insisted especially we had already made our reprisals in advance against England by our raids in the autumn of 1940.

That, of course, is very cheap. Goering also explained a whole series of new weapons and new airplane models which, however, can't be produced in quantity until the dim and distant future. A certain lack of assurance was noticeable in Goering.

During dinner I had a long talk with Goering, who tried in every way possible to renew his old connections.

Personally he is an exceptionally lovable character. He is obviously suffering from the fact that he did not find the right collaborators in the past.

In the evening we were assembled with the Fuehrer in the Fuehrer's (Munich). Here I heard extraordinary things about the occupied Italian areas.

### Heroic Pose

The Duce is living a life of make-believe and struts around in an heroic pose that has no place in a world of realities.

He actually thinks he can persuade the Italian nation to re-enter the military struggle on our side. The personal conduct of the Duce with his mistress, whom Sepp Dietrich had to bring to him, is cause for much misgiving.

November 11: The Fuehrer's theme of retaliation against England in his speech at Munich has struck home. The English people are in a state of great unrest, especially since they don't know how this retaliation is to take place.

November 12: From a very confidential source I learn that Stalin put forward the argument (at the Moscow Conference) that he has already lost 10,000,000,000 marks, that he could not continue the war without a second front, and that he was determined to conclude a separate peace with the Reich. If England and the United States did not hasten to his aid.

Impressed by this presentation both Eden and Cordell Hull naturally yielded all along the line.

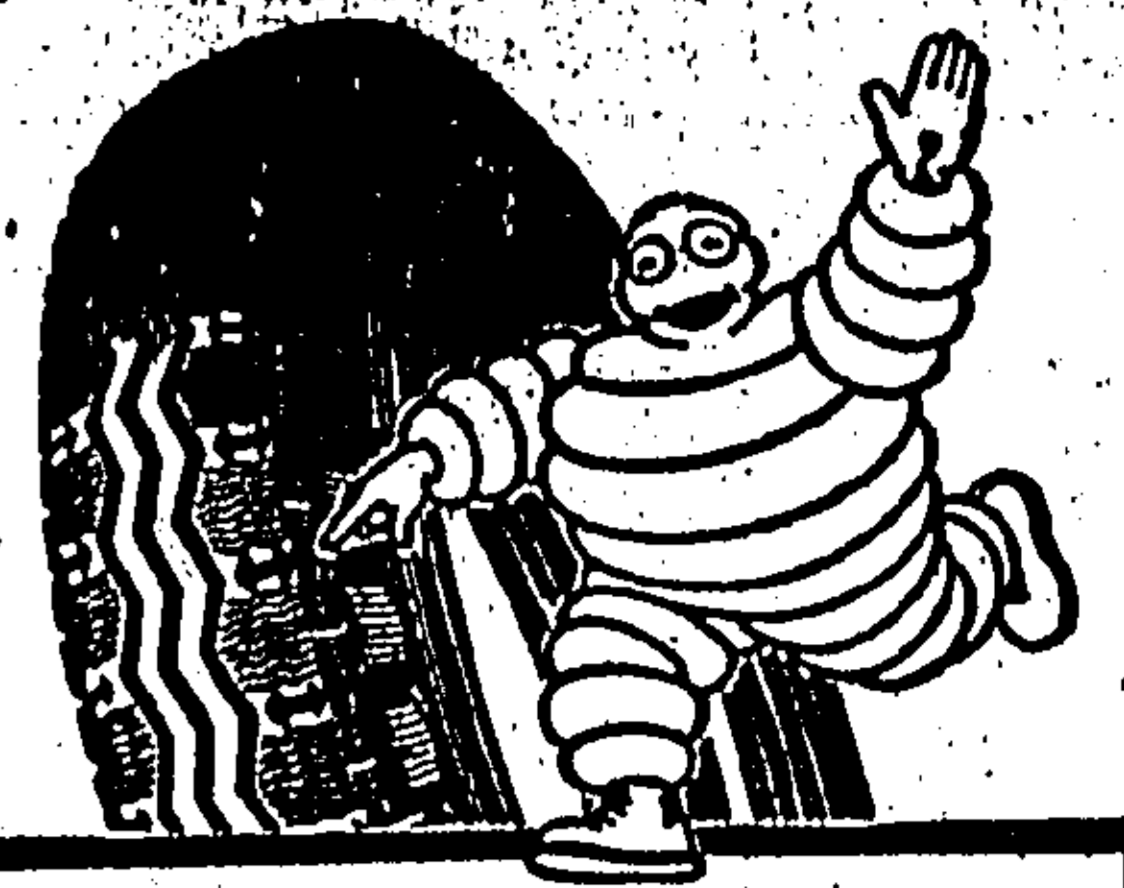
If all Great Powers engaged in this war were able today to select their positions anew, without any previous ties, the whole picture would most probably be changed completely in 24 hours.

November 13: British periodicals for the first time have published reparations demands on the German Reich. They are so insane that one can visualise what we would be threatened with if we were to weaken.

The German people should realise clearly what fate is in store for us in case of defeat.

November 14: Goering thanks God for showing himself more often in public. He has evidently recovered from his recent period of stagnation.

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# Inflation Undermining The U.S.

## Truman Calls On Congress To Act To Curb The Trend Unhealthy Increase In Steel Prices

Washington, Apr. 17.

President Truman said in a speech tonight at the annual dinner of the American Society of Newspaper Editors that unless Congress acted to curb inflation, the country would face ever-increasing danger of a depression.

Mr. Truman said inflation was steadily worsening and undermining the nation's security. "A strong American economy is the bedrock upon which rest hopes for establishing the peace of free men in the world. Without it, we can provide neither aid, leadership nor example," he said.

The President levelled a finger at the steel price increase, the coal strike, and the tax cut bill passed over his veto by the Republican Congress as new and recent factors contributing to inflation.

He called for immediate enactment of his ten-point anti-inflation programme, first proposed last November to the special session of Congress.

The programme includes steadily prices, rationing and wage controls, credit curbs, rent controls, export controls and other measures to hold down prices and conserve scarce goods.

Congress approved export controls, set up a system of voluntary allocation of scarce materials and extended rent controls until next year with changes.

President Truman told the editors everybody had been devoting a great deal of thought lately to the "difficult" international problems facing us.

The success, however, of United States foreign policy depends on the strength and stability of economy, he said.

"The plain fact is our economy is in serious danger as a result of high prices and inflation. I cannot sit by silently while inflation continues to creep up on the American people. The total demand for goods is still outrunning production and competition for scarce items is still pushing prices up."

"It seems to me the basic question is clear. It is whether we take action in time to do some good or whether we delay until the crisis is upon us."

"If the cost of living continues to climb, wages and prices will continue to chase each other upward."

## Unhealthy Boom

Calling the present boom "unhealthy," Mr. Truman said the steel price increase was "unwise and unnecessary." The coal strike was an "unnecessary interruption to production" and the tax cut "dangerous because of additional billions of dollars added to purchasing power not accompanied by significant production increase."

He denied charges that his administration was trying to precipitate an economic crisis or an international crisis.

"The exact opposite is the truth," he declared. "We are striving to avoid an economic crisis by protecting prosperity while we have it. We are striving to avoid a war crisis by being firm before it is too late."

"He said the welfare of the Americans, the effectiveness of United States foreign policy and the strength of their defenses all depended on this prosperity."

## Slap At Congress

In an apparent slap at Republican Congress leadership, President Truman said:

"There are some men in influential positions who still fail to understand or who deliberately ignore the gravity of the situation and the need for forthright measures to meet it."

"They tinkered with the problem of inflation and have even taken some feeble steps in the right direction. But they have taken other steps in the wrong direction—steps that made the problem much worse."—United Press.

## Japanese Crack Down On Koreans

Tokyo, Apr. 17.

The Japanese police today promised an all-out move against those Koreans who since the Japanese surrender have lost respect for Japanese law and committed numerous violations. In a new drive prompted by recent clashes between Japanese and Koreans (in which at least five persons were killed and scores injured) the police arrested 73 Koreans in Kobe who had forcibly entered the Governor's office and demanded an interview.

The Koreans wanted to protest against the Governor's order closing several primary schools operated by Koreans.

The order was issued in accordance with the Education Ministry directive that all Korean boys and girls reaching school age must be sent to Japanese schools, public or private, because all Korean residents in Japan are required to obey Japanese laws and ordinances under the Allied directive issued on November 20, 1945.

In Okayama, the Prefectural Procurator's Office has arrested Ro Heu, chairman of the Okayama Prefectural headquarters of the Federation of Koreans in Japan, on a charge of violation of the education law. He was immediately sent to Okayama Prison.

300 Press said 800 armed police had been secretly mobilised for Heu's arrest.

In view of the fact that there are some 15,000 Koreans in Okayama Prefecture the police are watching their subsequent moves.

## No Snaps Of Executions

Tokyo, Apr. 17.  
It is unlikely that photographs will be made of the execution or scenes in prison if any of the 25 major Japanese war crimes defendants are convicted, says Colonel M.P. Echols, General MacArthur's Public Information officer.  
U.S. Army photographers made pictures of the Nuremberg executions of Nazi leaders and these were distributed to newspapers.—Associated Press.

## Australian War Crimes Trials Report

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

The Australians have executed 135 war criminals and sentenced 402 others to prison terms ranging up to life imprisonment, GHQ Legal Section said today.

The majority were Japanese, but some were Koreans and Formosans employed by the Japanese Army. All were tried outside Japan, mostly at Singapore, Rabaul, Weihai, Morotai Island and Darwin, Australia.

All pending trials of Japanese war crimes suspects still to be held in the Southwest Pacific and Singapore have been ordered transferred to Hong Kong, where cases will be conducted by the British authorities.—Associated Press.

## 150 C-46 Planes For China

Oakland, Calif., Apr. 17.

The first of 150 C-46 twin-engine planes bought from the US Government by the Chinese National Government will begin the flight to China on Sunday, Trans-Ocean Airlines announce.

One plane will take off on a test flight to Honolulu. With information gathered on this flight, three planes will depart on Tuesday, four on Wednesday and four next Thursday. Ferrying all of the 150 planes across the Pacific will take six or seven months.

The second group of 12 is scheduled to leave about June 1. The operation is believed to be the largest mass ferrying job since the war. The planes are "Curtiss Commandos."

They cost the US about US\$200,000 each and were sold to China for about US\$5,000 each.

The ferrying job, however, will cost China more than US\$1,000,000 Trans-Ocean officials said.

Honolulu, Wake, Guam and Shanghai are the scheduled stops in the overseas flights.—Associated Press.

## DEFAUDED THE GOVERNMENT

Batavia, Apr. 17.

The news agency Antara reported on Saturday from Jogjakarta that Republican police have arrested ten persons, two of them women, charged with defrauding the Government of 500,000 Replahs.

Four of the ten (all Government employees) worked in the State printing office where the currency is manufactured, according to the Antara report which added that they are accused of printing one hundred Replah notes without recording them and dividing the profits.—Associated Press.

Athens, Apr. 17.

Flying in formation and piloted by American crews, thirty single-engine fighter aircraft landed in Athens on Friday night. They are en route to the Turkish Government under the American aid programme.—Associated Press.

ed the Japanese police in operating black-market restaurants.—United Press.

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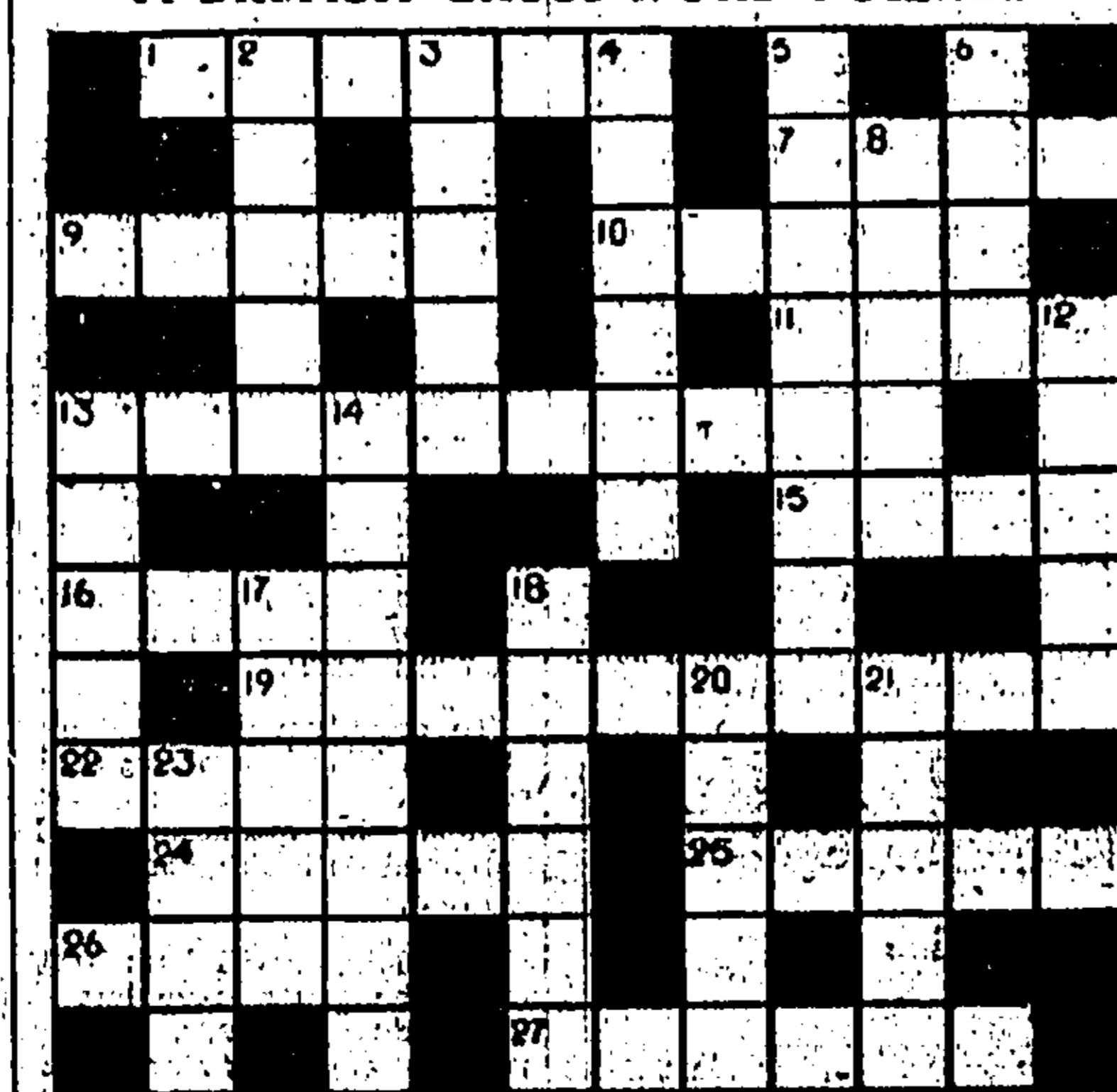
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- Entire
18. Fault
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23. Stretch of
24. Produce
25. Turn
- Remit
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SET UP JOINT STAFF

Paris, Apr. 17.

The five nations who signed the Brussels defence pact today established a Western Europe consultative staff which will meet for the first time in London on April 24.

In a communique, the French Foreign Office said the Foreign Ministers (or their representatives) of the five countries, meeting today at the Quai d'Orsay, had established a permanent consultative council which will meet once every three months.

Meetings will be held in the capitals of the five countries in succession, starting with London.

The permanent organization of the consultative council will be composed of the Benelux countries' representatives, the French Ambassador in London, and a

British Government official still unnamed. This body, aided by the Secretariat, will meet at least every three months.

A communique from the French Foreign Office said:

"Security problems foreseen by the Brussels pact will come under the normal competence of the respective Ministers of the different countries, who will meet at London to discuss them every time that will be necessary."

"In order to follow and study those same questions, a permanent military council will be set up in London under the authority of the consultative council and under the immediate control of political representatives who compose the permanent organization."

The consultative council will be made up of the five Foreign Ministers, it was explained.

The communique concluded: "Social, economic and cultural questions will be discussed at periodic reunions in a place to be named by the Ministers or their experts. The consultative council may decide the establishment of special subcommittees to study problems under those headings."—United Press.

## Socialists Confer

Paris, Apr. 17.

Socialist Parliamentarians of France, Britain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and Germany discussed problems of European unity in a private meeting today in the Paris Parliament building.

The discussions were in preparation for the Socialist Conference to be held shortly at The Hague.

They will hold another meeting tomorrow morning at Melun, at the close of which the veteran French Socialist ex-Premier, M. Leon Blum, will make a speech.—Reuter.

## Bizonia

Paris, Apr. 17.

The Communist evening newspaper, "Ce Soir," asserted today that the British and French Foreign Ministers, Mr. Ernest Bevin and Mr. Georges Bidault, at their meetings today would "definitely clear up the position of the fusion of the French Zone with the Bizonia as the first step towards the formation of a Western German State."

The paper alleged that Mr. Bevin and M. Bidault had already discussed the extension of the Brussels Western Union Pact to Turkey and the Arab States.—Reuter.

Monty: 'We Must  
Remain Prepared'

Manchester, Apr. 17.

Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery declared here today when taking part as a Freeman of the city in the East Lancashire territorial forces week: "It is not easy to say what would be the outcome of the political and ideological strife we see going on."

"One thing, however, is quite clear. We must remain prepared—never again must we allow ourselves to fall into the mistake we made before the war, when we permitted our forces to dwindle away."

That was why the Government had decided that national service must continue in times of peace. Viscount Montgomery said that an entirely voluntary territorial army could not hope to carry out efficiently all the many tasks that

would fall to it and the highest possible degree of regular assistance was going to be given to ensure that the training of the territorial army was well organized and thorough.

National servicemen would provide a good bulk of trained and disciplined men, but in addition it would be essential to have a good element of enthusiastic volunteers and to supply leaders and instructors, all of whom could not be found from a small regular army.—Reuter.

## Unnecessary

Berlin, Apr. 17.

Major General Hays, the United States Deputy Military Governor in Germany, today rejected an application made by the Soviet-sponsored People's Congress to hold a plebiscite in the American Zone of Germany, on "German unity."

"No plebiscite on German unity is necessary," General Hays said. "Everyone recognizes the present desire of all Germans for unity, but I am sure the German people do not want the kind of unity that will bring economic and political slavery."—Reuter.

Pickets  
Clash With  
Police

Singapore, Apr. 17.

Strike pickets today clashed here with the water-front police, who made several arrests after 6,000 harbour workers had downed tools.

The men struck after giving an ultimatum for better pay and working conditions, to which the Harbour Board had sent a reply, denounced by the union leader as unsatisfactory.

Chinese labourers later reported for duty in defiance of their union, but Indians, Javanese and Malays, representing about half the Harbour Board's labour force, stayed out.

The police raided the offices of the Harbour Labourers' Union for the second time just before the ultimatum expired and removed a number of documents.

Union representatives alleged that the documents were taken away to hamper the forthcoming meeting of the Pan-Malayan Federation of Trade Unions and in an effort to suppress trade unionism in Malaya.

All workers at the Straits Trading Company's shelter on Pulau Brani Island off Singapore struck when the company ordered some of their comrades, who had been on strike since Wednesday, to return to work or be dismissed.

The men demanded higher wages and rice rations, and improved medical services.—Reuter.

The second of the new series of fortnightly lectures under the auspices of the St. Thomas More Association will be given at the Catholic Club, King's Building, at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, by Rev. Father J. McCarthy, S. J. The subject will be "The English Martyrs." The lecture will be open to the general public.

French Air  
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London, Apr. 17.

Air Ministry officials today confirmed French press reports that British military planes are to be granted facilities on French airfields under an agreement to be signed in Paris on Monday, by Marshal of the Royal Air Forces Lord Tedder.

Describing the agreement as "purely routine," a spokesman of the Ministry told Reuter that it would "regularise what has been common practice between the two countries since the end of the war."

He said the agreement would affect chiefly Middle East trunk routes and would also provide for French military planes to be serviced on British airfields, such as Gibraltar and Castel Benito, in Tripolitania.

The agreement would be "technical rather than political" and had no apparent connections with the international situation or the recently signed Five-Power Western European Pact.

The spokesman would not comment on other French reports that Lord Tedder would discuss with the French General Staff the possibility of supplying France with Allied war material, including jet-propelled aircraft.—Reuter.

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"SZECHUEN" Sailing for Swatow, Bangkok & Saigon 2nd week May.  
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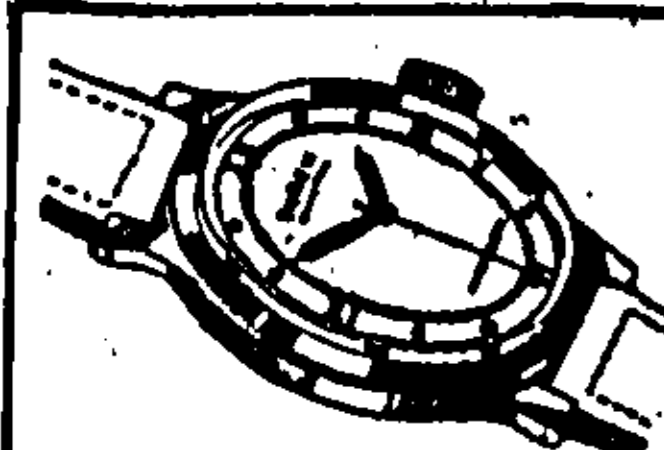
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### Shipping Arrivals YESTERDAY

CONFERT (U.S.L.), American, from San Francisco, 10.15 a.m.  
HEINRICH JESSEN (R.I.L.), American, from Swatow, 11.15 a.m.  
KAMOHIA (East Asiatic), Danish, from Kobe, 12.15 p.m.  
TJISADANE (R.I.L.), Dutch, from Amoy, 1.15 p.m.

### TODAY

ACHILLES (D. & S.), British, from U.K., 10.15 a.m.  
BRITAIN VICTORY (U.S.L.), American, from Shanghai, 11.15 a.m.  
NINGHAI (D. & S.), British, from Singapore and Bangkok, 12.15 p.m.  
TJISADANE (R.I.L.), Dutch, from Amoy, 1.



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## Indians Triumph Win International Shield Final

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The Portuguese were again disappointed in their quest for International honours when Senior Markor's Indian side hung their sign on the Lusitanians again by vanquishing their foes 9-3 in the International Series play-off for the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels' Ltd. Shield. In the Ladies International elimination heats China nosed out Great Britain 8-7, while the Midget Exhibition held at the Recreio Soft-ball Diamond as a prelude to the big game resulted in a victory for the junior Saints over the Black Hawks.

Sherry Bucks, who pitched the Indians to victory, limited the Portuguese to five safeties while his mates produced the runs. The Indians fully deserved their win in spite of the fact that they started out as the under-dogs, by out-classing their opponents in both fielding and batting departments—the Indians connected for six blows to the Portuguese five, while the Lusitanians also misused five times compared to the Indians' two bobbles, both in the outfield. Both hurlers, however, were erratic, Bucks walking seven while Franco passed six to first base, with the former whiffing two and the latter fanning one only.

### Lost The Toss

The Indians lost the toss and commenced batting but disappointed fans as Benny Omar stilled out and Junior Markor stood still on the third strike. Sabu Sunny worked Franco for a pass but was nabbed in an attempt to lead second. In the Portuguese half, senior Tony Alves ordered lead-off batsman Art Ozorio to

work Franco for a walk, but after he had the long count chalked up on him, he lifted a fly to short-stop Capone Rumjahn. Two walks and Dicky Alves' double loaded the sacks for Portugal with only one away, and a score seemed imminent, but the impending threat was snuffed as Indian left gardener Jindoo Hussain ran a country block to pick Ren Sequiera's Texas leaguer off the grass-top and rifled the apple to key-stoner Sheridan Hamet who caught Dick Alves off base.

Sparked by the brilliant effort, the Indians in the next chapter produced a landslide inning in which they slapped Jose Franco for three safeties and worked him for two passes to first. By the time every one had batted a neat five showed up in the score column. Blanking the Lusitanians in their half, the Indians went on to add a further two tumbles, as Capone Rumjahn's single drove in Jindoo Hussain and Sherry Bucks. The Portuguese came to within scoring distance again in the fourth after Ren Sequiera was given a life on a muffed fly ball to centre and Billy Soares walked to first base, but Spiky Gutierrez failed to come through with a safety.

### Added Another

After India added one more in the fifth, the Portuguese side emerged from their lethargic spell. Art Ozorio worked for a walk, which was successful, then swiped second and third in succession, and after Wilfred Lawrence in the batter's box had roared hurler Sherry Bucks into an illegal pitch, Ozorio trotted home with the first Portuguese run. Dicky Alves' successful hand advanced Lawrence to third, while an international pass choked the bases once more for Portugal. Ren Sequiera gave Sherry Bucks the jitters and Bucks failed to find the plate in four successive pitches and the walk forced Lawrence home with another tally. With bases still loaded and only one away, senior Tony Alves signalled Gerry Roza-Perceira to pinch-hit for Charlie Quinn, but Gerry's rocade dreams of being the hero of the day crashed as he popped one up to the right of pitcher Sherry Bucks which was held by a shoe-string catch. For the second time in this tussle, Dicky Alves was off with the hit and was tagged off base for another brilliant Indian double-play.

Portugal settled down to tight playing in the final two chapters and held the Indians scoreless, but was only able to add another counter as Art Ozorio, pinch-running for Gerry Gosano dent-ed the rubber when right-felder Kenneth muffed Ren Sequiera's towering fly.

Indian right-felder Kenneth Khan atoned for his bobbie by polling out two hits in four trips to the plate, while Dicky Alves who was the goat in both Indian twin-kills smashed out a double and a single for his side to make up for his lapses on the base-path. Dicky's two-bagger was the longest clout of the two-hour battle, and Jindoo Hussain just missed an extra base clout when he lifted a cloud-bomber which fell foul along the left field line by not more than a foot.

### Ladies Loop

In the Ladies loop, the Canuckettes conceded a walk-off to the now "China Mail" Shield holders, the pennant winning Wahooks. The same gang, however, trekked out to the C.B.A. lot in the afternoon and took the Great Britain ladies 8-7 to qualify for this final next week when they will cross bats with Las Portuguesas. Most of the Junior Loop games were forfeited, but the Braves meased up the Dares-devils with a 14-5 victory after Billy Soares had thrown all his reserves into the fray. Team managers who have been requested to send in group picture of their team are reminded that these must be handed to the Hon. Secretary before 4 p.m. today for inclusion in the Souvenir Annual, now being prepared.

## HOME SOCCER LEAGUE TABLES

FIRST DIVISION										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	Pts.		P.	Pts.
Arsenal	22	11	0	11	85	65		Queen's P. R.	22	11
Manchester U.	22	13	8	1	48	48		Bournemouth	22	9
Burnley	22	12	9	1	42	48		Walsall	22	8
Weston	22	10	10	2	40	48		Wolverhampton	22	8
Derby	22	10	10	2	40	48		Swansea	22	8
Villa	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. Wed.	22	8
Portsmouth	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. U.	22	8
Manchester C.	22	10	10	2	40	48		Liverpool	22	8
Blackpool	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. F.	22	8
Sheff. U.	22	10	10	2	40	48		Everton	22	8
Middlesbrough	22	10	10	2	40	48		Chelsea	22	8
Liverpool	22	10	10	2	40	48		Bolton	22	8
Sheff. F.	22	10	10	2	40	48		Huddersfield	22	8
Everton	22	10	10	2	40	48		Blackburn	22	8
Chelsea	22	10	10	2	40	48		Nottingham	22	8
Bolton	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. P.	22	8
Huddersfield	22	10	10	2	40	48		Cardiff	22	8
Blackburn	22	10	10	2	40	48		West Ham	22	8
Nottingham	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. W.	22	8
Sheff. P.	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. T.	22	8
Cardiff	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. A.	22	8
West Ham	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. B.	22	8
Sheff. W.	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. G.	22	8
Sheff. T.	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. H.	22	8
Sheff. A.	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. I.	22	8
Sheff. B.	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. J.	22	8
Sheff. G.	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. K.	22	8
Sheff. H.	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. L.	22	8
Sheff. I.	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. M.	22	8
Sheff. J.	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. N.	22	8
Sheff. K.	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. O.	22	8
Sheff. L.	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. P.	22	8
Sheff. M.	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. Q.	22	8
Sheff. N.	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. R.	22	8
Sheff. O.	22	10	10	2	40	48		Sheff. S.	22	8
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Sheff. X.	22	10	10	2	40	48				
Sheff. Y.	22	10	10	2	40	48				
Sheff. Z.	22	10	10	2	40	48				

## Spectacular Bids For U.S. Olympic Team

Lawrence, Kansas, Apr. 17. Charles Fonville, Michigan's amazing shot putter, and hurdler Harrison Dillard, of Baldwin Wallace College, made spectacular bids for the U.S. Olympic team with world record bettering performances in the 23rd Kansas relays today.

Fonville put the 16-lb. iron weight 58 feet 1/4 inches to top the recognised world's standard of 57 feet one inch set by the former Louisiana State University giant, Jack Torrance, at Oslo, Norway, in 1934. Dillard won his 52nd competitive race as he skimmied the 120 yard hurdles in 15.6 seconds, a full second under the world and intercollegiate mark established by Forrest Towns in 1936 and equalled by Fred Wolcott of Rice Institute in 1941.

## RUGBY RESULTS

London, Apr. 17.										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	Pts.		P.	Pts.
Harlequins	10	Bristol	5							
Gloucester	10	London Welsh	5							
Bedford	10	C.C.S. Old Boys	5							
Devonport S.	11	Pontypool	3							
Neath	3	Newport	0							
Plymouth A.	11	Exmouth	0							
Torquay A.H.	42	St. Mary's Hos.	3							
Weston-super-										
Mare	6	Abertillery	8							
Aberavon	0	Cardiff	39							
Bath	0	Newbridge	10							
Bridgend	6	Llanelli	10							
Coventry	14	Old Blues	3							
Exeter	6	Gloucester	10							
Leicester	6	Blackheath	5							
Northampton	21	Old Allwynians	8							
Swansea	3	Cardiff	8							
Waterloo	39	London Hos.	9							

## League Results

London, Apr. 17.										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	Pts.		P.	Pts.
Barrow	21	Leigh	19							
Batley	3	Huddersfield	19							
Bradford N.	19	Leeds	19							
Bramley	13	Dewsbury	0							
Castleford	37	Keighley	5							
Featherstone	10	Workington	10							
Rovers	10	Town	10							
Hull	7	Hunslet	0							
Rochdale	0	Liverpool	0							
Hornets	22	Stanley	0							
Saint Helens	20	Hallifax	7							
Salford	11	Widnes	7							
Warrington	45	Oldham	8							
Wigan	10	Belle Vue R.	0							
Amateur International Match:										
England	2	France	5							

## LOUIS IN TRAINING

New York, Apr. 17. Joe Louis has gone into training on a farm near Bloomingdale, Michigan, for the defence of his world heavyweight championship on June 23. His challenger, Jersey Joe Walcott, started training at Greentown, New Jersey. Louis will move to Pompton Lakes, New Jersey on May 18 and commence sparring and serious preparations. Associated Press.

Paris, Apr. 17. The Spanish football team, Atletico Madrid, was beaten 2-1 by the Stade Francais Club here today. Reuter.

## KIT CHEE BEATEN 8-0 IN POOR GAME

### Rise For Newcastle Likely

London, Apr. 17. Newcastle, who superseded Arsenal as the "Bank of England" team because of the large amount of money spent in transfer fees, virtually assured themselves of promotion to the first division by defeating Sheffield Wednesday, Newcastle are four points ahead of Wednesday with a far better goal average and only two games left.

Arsenal, playing their first game since assuming themselves of the Football League championship, lost to a strong Derby County side. It was Derby who ended Arsenal's early season run of 17 games without defeat. At the bottom of the table, Blackburn although drawing away, seem certain to be relegated with Grimsby. They will replace in the second division Millwall and Doncaster, who will be relegated to the third division, Southern and Northern respectively.

In Scotland, a capacity crowd of 134,000 saw Morton, who are at the bottom of the Scottish "A" division, hold the Glasgow Rangers to a one-goal draw after extra time. Both goals were scored in the first half. A record crowd of 59,005 saw Leytonstone retain the Amateur Cup by defeating Barnet, winners in 1940, by a goal in the 24th minute of the second half. Reuter.

## RECORD MEMORIAL DAY ENTRIES

Indianapolis, Apr. 17. Entries in the 32nd annual 500-mile Memorial Day speedway race broke all records today as the list of cars climbed to 80.

Speedway officials said that 13 additional eliminations postmarked before Thursday night's deadline showed a total well past the 72-car record set back in 1931.

One of the late entries was the only application by a foreign driver. A Russian pilot and one of Europe's best drivers filed for the race although specifications of his car have not been received. The track President, Wilbur Shaw, said the deadline would not be extended.

Last year entries were taken up to the eve of the marathon because of a boycott by the driver and car owner members of the American Society of Professional Racing. Shaw said that qualifying speeds probably would have to be faster than ever this year. "The boys will have to hit 123 miles per hour or better," United Press.

## Colour Line In US Bowls

Detroit, Apr. 17. Delegates to the annual meeting of the American Bowling Congress today related the clause which prohibits Orientals, Negroes and other non-Caucasians from competition.

For the third straight year, delegates representing 1,500,000 bowlers rejected an amendment which would have eliminated the "Caucasian race only" clause. The controversial amendment was defeated despite a plea by the Rev. Charles Carow of the Brooklyn Catholic Youth Organization.

Walter Reuther, President of the CIO United Automobile Workers, previously informed the ABC Executive Committee that if the amendment was defeated again his union would found an international bowling congress open to all races, in opposition to the ABC. United Press.

## TENNIS

The following are today's Tennis Championship fixtures: CLUB COMPETITION. J. C. L. Pearce & J. D. Clague v. J. K. Wilson & T. J. Gould. Cmdr. E. H. Allen & Cdr. A. M. Ackery v. H. V. Ardy & G. S. Coxhead.

## OPEN DOUBLES

Dr. A. M. Rodrigues & H. A. Noronha v. Lee Chun-kit & Y. Y. Lam. K. L. & T. Lo v. J. B. Goncalves & W. A. Reed. T. Y. Yip & T. Y. Yip v. H. D. Rumbush & S. A. Rumbush. (Stand Court).

London, Apr. 17. The Scottish P.A. Cup replay between Arbroath and Glasgow Rangers will take place at West Lothian on Wednesday evening, April 21. Reuter.

### Bailey Not Absolutely Fit

London, Apr. 17. MacDonald Bailey, Jamaican sprinter and British hope for the Olympic Games who has been suffering from hip trouble today, saw Sir Adolphe Abrahams, the specialist, who expressed the opinion that Bailey would not be exactly 100 per cent fit for the Olympics. Bailey stated afterwards: "I am optimistic. I am not willing to give up track racing until every conceivable thing has been done to get me absolutely fit."—Reuter.

## Hong Kong Swimmers Backed

Shanghai, Apr. 18. Singapore has been picked as the likely winners of the field and track championships and Hong Kong the swimming crown by local sports experts here today as Chinese athletes delegation begins arriving for the national athletic meet and the Olympic trials to be held here next month.

While Canton is tipped for the volleyball title, the soccer and basketball tournaments are expected to produce close exciting struggles.

Basketball is likely to produce a close race between Shanghai, Manila, Singapore, and possibly San Francisco and Canada, while in soccer there are at least five evenly matched teams.

For the soccer tournament, Tsing Peh, joint holders of the Shanghai championship, will represent the Chinese Army, while the majority of the Hong Kong Chinese "cracks" will donning police colours.—Reuter.

## Readers Letters

(Continued from Page 3) The same as" etc. As for "parallel", my Euclid tells me that lines which are parallel will never meet, but are produced at either end; and I can see that the two pieces of pasteboards making the covers of my Odhams are parallel but on two quite different planes. Even if assuming that "similar" and "parallel" could be twisted to mean "equal to" or "the same as", the whole thing is only a "reasonable expectation" which is but a euphemistic official parlance for "wildly thinking" or for the expressive Chinese slang "mg so loi". (3) "The scale recommended for Government teachers have not yet been accepted by the Secretary of State; therefore Government teachers have not been paid, and no final decision has yet been reached in regard to Government teachers." What lovely red herrings! Are we demanding that our salaries be approved before the Government teachers?—or are we clamouring that we be paid before teachers in the Government service? Heaven forbid! Our minister is ever before us, and we do know our status. All we want Government to tell us is: are we going to get what has been pledged to us? If no, Why?—we want to know; if yes, When?—our creditors want to know.

It is indeed kind of Mr. M. K. Lo to say what he has heard nothing which leads him to think that there is any ground on the part of Grant-In-Aid teachers to feel pessimistic or to despair of an eventual decision which will be fair to them. But to have heard nothing is no proof for non-existence of ground for pessimism and despair. As evidence, this statement has no more value than that of the Irishman who, on being told that a witness could be produced who had seen him commit the crime he denied, averred that he could produce a hundred witnesses who had not seen him do it.

Yes, while sincerely thanking Mr. M. K. Lo for his attempt to enlighten us as to Government's intentions towards us, and to allay our fears, honesty compels me to say that he has told us nothing that we did not know, and that he has confirmed our misgivings instead of dispelling them.

### Teachers Grateful

Sir,—Teachers of Grant-In-Aid Schools are very grateful to Mr. M. K. Lo for his letter to the Press abundantly manifesting his genuine concern for our welfare and his sincere desire that we be free from economic fears. He has made us feel that the letters we have sent to the Press have not been sent in vain since they have won for us the sympathies and moral support of such a champion as Mr. M. K. Lo. To him we say from the bottom of our hearts, thank you, Sir.

Despite, however, Mr. Lo's desire and effort at allaying our natural anxiety and banishing our pessimism and despair, he has successfully failed to do so. The information that, obviously, he has obtained from the Education Department and passed on (most probably word for word) to us, means exactly this: "Let us see just what Mr. Lo understands from his source of information."

(1) "The grant which Government makes is, of course, based on salaries payable to teachers in the Government service." Of course; but "based on" does not mean the same as "equal to". The female teacher's salary is "based on" the male teacher's, and she gets 80% of it; the unmarried teacher's H.C.L. Allowance is "based on" that of the married teacher, which means 60% of the latter's. Now Mr. Lo understands from Government that our salaries will be "based on" those of Government teachers; what that means exactly is a secret entirely between God and Government.

(2) "It would be reasonable to expect that similar and parallel action will be taken by Government in regard to Grant-In-Aid School teachers." How very illuminating! But Odhams Dictionary defines "similar" as "resembling" and "parallel" as "another or to something else". Let us see what the Universal English Dictionary's definition is: "Having certain qualities in common, nearly corresponding, somewhat".

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